

Linguists who troops say are too old and in poor physical condition are being sent to work in Afghanistan — and some don't even speak the right language

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Josh Habib, left, a 53-year-old translator for the Marines, stands next to a Marine from the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, 1st Battalion 5th Marines earlier this month as they patrol inside a village in the Nawa district of Afghanistan's Helmand province. U.S. troops in Helmand say some linguists are putting them at risk.



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Officials: U.S. al-Qaida recruit is now top informant in terror cases

BY TOM HAYS AND DEVLIN BARRETT
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — An American-born al-Qaida recruit has become one of the counterterrorism world's most valuable informants, giving investigators a rare look at al-Qaida's day-to-day operations in a lawless region bordering Pakistan which U.S. officials have struggled to infiltrate, investigators say.

Bryant Neal Vinas, who grew up in the New York City suburbs of Long Island, was charged in New York court papers unsealed Wednesday with giving al-Qaida "expert advice and assistance" about New York's transit system and with a rocket attack on U.S. forces in Afghanistan last year.

The identity of the 26-year-old Vinas, nicknamed "Ibrahim" or "Bashir al-Ameriki," has been kept secret since his in-

dictment late last year. Court papers show he pleaded guilty in January in a sealed courtroom in Brooklyn and remains in U.S. custody in New York.

A law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the case, said Vinas provided critical information that led to a security alert about the New York City subway system last year. The official described Vinas as a military convert captured last year in Pakistan.

Authorities issued an alert last year saying the FBI had received a "plausible but unsubstantiated" report that al-Qaida terrorists in late September may have discussed attacking the subway system around the holidays in November and December. The origin of that report, the official said, was Vinas.

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OF THE DAY

"It doesn't get more dramatic than that — a grand slam on your own bobblehead night. That's the stuff that I'd seen out of Barry Bonds and Hank Aaron."

— Cincinnati Reds manager Dusty Baker reacting to Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Manny Ramirez's grand slam in a 6-2 Dodgers win

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S. Korean police put out warning over fake jerseys

Authorities say U.S. Embassy is concerned over stateside sales

BY JON RABIROFF
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Stars and Stripes

DONGDUCHEON, South Korea — U.S. troops who buy Korean-made counterfeit professional sports jerseys on the cheap and send them home for resale are in effect acting as middlemen in the illegal international distribution of the goods, authorities here say.

U.S. personnel are buying up jerseys bearing the names of players from the National Football League, National Basketball Association and Major League Baseball, and shipping or bringing the fakes home to the U.S. where they can be resold for upwards of 10 times their South Korean price, Gyeonggi Provincial Police said.

The problem has gotten so bad, police said, that the U.S. Embassy has gotten involved and is pressuring South Korean authorities to crack down on the counterfeit-jersey industry.

Three South Koreans were arrested recently for selling the

knockoffs at a shopping mall near Camp Casey, and more than 4,000 jerseys were confiscated with an estimated market value of close to \$500,000, police said.

An unnamed Gyeonggi Provincial Police official was quoted in the Kyeongin Daily newspaper as saying the "U.S. Embassy has requested us to stop fake-item sales, informing that some (U.S. Forces Korea) soldiers are buying this imitation clothing at one-tenth of the price of the original items and selling them at expensive prices in their home country.

"That's the reason for the sudden crackdown on fake-clothing sales."

Embassy spokesman Aaron Tarver said he did not know where police got that information but said embassy officials could not comment further on the issue.

A senior investigator with the Gyeonggi Provincial Police, who spoke to Stars and Stripes but declined to give his name, said the investigation into the production and distribution of counterfeit jerseys was launched at the request of U.S. Embassy officials.

The investigation continues and police hope to eventually shut down the factory or factories responsible for manufacturing the fake jerseys, he said.

A Stripes check Wednesday found two stores in The Ville, a commercial area near the front gate of Camp Casey, stocked to the rafters with NFL, NBA and MLB "authentic" and "replica" jerseys — which range in price



JON RABIROFF/Stars and Stripes

A jersey purchased for \$15 at a store outside Camp Casey in South Korea is seen in front of the NFLshop.com Web page advertising a similar jersey from manufacturer Mitchell & Ness for \$284.99. Given differences between the jersey and the one pictured on the Web page, the one purchased appears to be a knockoff.

from \$50 to \$200 on the leagues' Web sites — all selling for \$15 each.

While there are countless Web sites dedicated to the difficult task of telling the difference between authentic name-brand jerseys and knockoffs, Stripes was able to identify at least one apparent fake being sold near Casey — a 1964 Jim Brown Cleveland Browns jersey bearing the label of manufacturer Mitchell & Ness that sells online for \$285, but also with several features consistent with a similar jersey produced by Reebok which can be found on NFLshop.com for \$125.

The sale of sports merchandise is big business, with annual sales estimated at \$4 billion, according to Forbes.com. Likewise, counterfeit sports jerseys have flooded the market in much the same way as have knockoff designer clothes, watches and sunglasses.

While U.S. soldiers were

not implicated in the case that brought the arrests outside Camp Casey, the investigator said he had a message for them: "I want to tell them not to buy these fake goods. I think they may not know it is against the law regarding protecting intellectual property rights."

The Jim Brown jersey appeared at first glance to be a high-quality, name-brand item. However, when it was compared to the Mitchell & Ness-manufactured jerseys for sale on both the company and NFL Web sites, it was clear the label and the features on the jersey did not match. The jersey in the store had the NFL logo on the neckline and Brown's name on the back — two features not found on the Mitchell & Ness jersey for sale on the Web. In addition, the sleeves on the store jersey were shorter than those pictured on the Web.

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Correction

A July 22 story updating ongoing inspections of a fastener problem on F/A-18 Hornet aircraft should have said that the Navy's preliminary analysis indicated the failures were due to a manufacturing problem rather than engineering.

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Misawa to get Patriot Express service again

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MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The Patriot Express will start servicing Misawa in October, making official travel easier and offering space available seats that could save travelers thousands of dollars.

"I think it's awesome," said Nicole Hanley, a member of a military family. "I'll be using it."

The U.S. Transportation Command announced this week that Misawa and U.S. Naval Station Rota in Spain are the newest additions to the commercially chartered routes.

The military saves expenses on official travel — when families move between duty stations or when personnel go on temporary duty trips — by encouraging use of Patriot Express travel.

The service was suspended at Misawa and Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, in September 2006 because there weren't enough official travelers.

Iwakuni was put back on the route in April, with officials saying that the so-

called "paying passengers," those on official orders, had consistently exceeded financial goals set for the Japan route.

Because of Misawa's remote location — it's situated on the northern tip of the main island of Honshu — travel to and from the United States can be difficult, expensive and time consuming.

Hanley said that the last time her family of five traveled back to the United States, they opted to make the 9-hour drive to Yokota Air Base to catch the Patriot Express because other overseas flight options were too expensive.

"We couldn't afford it," she said.

The only charge for the space available seat on the Patriot Express is a \$2740 inspection fee per traveler.

Transportation Command spokeswoman Cynthia Bauer said in an e-mail response to a Stripes query that officials are reviewing contract proposals for the service to begin in October, so few details were available.

World Airways holds the current contract, flying a chartered DC-10 that can

carry 315 passengers on the Pacific route. Flights now depart Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on Thursday morning, arriving at Yokota on Friday.

They continue through to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni and Kadena Air Base on Okinawa that same day. On Saturday, the flight routes back through Iwakuni and Yokota and then to Seattle.

Bauer was unable to say how the schedule will change when Misawa is added. She said the command would have specifics on route changes after the decision is made on the contract.

She said the command expects about 50 passengers a week from Misawa.

The program has been "lauded as a great success" at Iwakuni, said base spokesman Capt. Lawton King.

King, who arrived himself on the Patriot Express about three weeks ago, said bringing incoming personnel straight to the base "streamlines the voyage and simplifies" what could be a difficult experience of arriving in a foreign country.

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Potential passenger savings

Currently, travelers headed from Misawa to the United States must go through Tokyo's Narita International Airport. Round-trip options and prices include:

■ **Shuttle bus:** Misawa runs an overnight shuttle bus to Narita. Tickets for the 12-hour ride are \$140 for passengers 5 years and older, and \$80 for children who are younger.

■ **Bullet train:** Adult fare to Tokyo Station is about \$330. From Tokyo station, the round-trip train to Narita will cost another \$65.

■ **Commercial Air:** Adult fare to Tokyo's Haneda Airport is about \$615. The round-trip shuttle bus to Narita is about \$65 and takes about an hour and 15 minutes each way. A round-trip train trip will cost about \$35 and take nearly two hours each way.

From Stars and Stripes

Al-Qaida: New Yorker who aided terror group now testifying against others

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Vinas was also interviewed this year in New York by prosecutors in Belgium pursuing an anti-terror case involving Malika El Aroud, the widow of a man involved in killing anti-Taliban warlord Ahmed Shah Massoud two days before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, an official at the Belgian Federal Prosecutor's Office said Thursday.

Vinas' testimony was being submitted to a closed court custody hearing on Friday in Belgium, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

El Aroud and five others have been in custody since their arrest in December and are charged with belonging to a terrorist organization, which Belgian officials say is part of an al-Qaida group plotting new attacks either in Europe or elsewhere.

A defense attorney in that case, Christophe Marchand, said Vinas had provided a statement against the French and Belgium defendants charged with going to Pakistan to volunteer to fight with al-Qaida.

Marchand denied his client was a terrorist or knew Vinas. "He never talked about meeting an American — never," the lawyer said.

Other people familiar with the case say Vinas told counterterrorism investigators about meetings with top al-Qaida members while staying at a network of hideouts on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, where he trained from about March 2008 to August 2008.

Vinas named several of the terror group's officials and described their activities, including rocket and mortar strikes against U.S. forces in the area, said the people, who spoke Wednesday on condition of anonymity. Vinas also revealed discussions among terrorists about potential civilian targets in Europe and described training in weapons and explosives, they said.

Vinas received "military-style training" from al-Qaida, according to court papers.

Vinas' attorney, Len Kamdang, requested that "the public withhold judgment in this case until all of the facts become available."

Vinas' Peruvian-born father, Juan Vinas, told the Los Angeles Times in a recent interview that federal agents had interviewed him. He said he didn't know where his son was.

"The FBI asked me all kinds of questions about him, but they don't tell me nothing," he said.

The president of the Islamic Association of Long Island, a mosque in nearby Selden, said he recalled a "very quiet, polite, smiley" young Hispanic man called Ibrahim, who was a frequent but unassuming presence at the mosque for about a year, starting roughly 2½ years ago.

He turned up four to five times a week for services but never participated in any social activities at the mosque, said president Nayar Imam.

He said Ibrahim apparently converted to Islam and changed his name before he began coming to the mosque. "He's the last person in the mosque you would think about" getting involved in terrorism, Imam said.

Idaho town holds vigil for captured soldier



Roberta Blodgett joins in during the "Star Spangled Banner" at a vigil Wednesday in Hailey, Idaho, the hometown of Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl, who is being held captive by the Taliban in Afghanistan. More than 500 people attended the hourlong event that started at the coffee shop where he worked before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 2008 and ended at a nearby park. Bergdahl had been in Afghanistan five months in an area known as a Taliban stronghold when he vanished June 30.

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Son of bin Laden reportedly killed

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Saad bin Laden, a son of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, may have been killed in a U.S. airstrike, U.S. officials said Thursday.

The son was likely killed in Pakistan in the last several months, approximately in late spring, said a counterterrorism official, one of three Obama administration officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence.

Though many in the intelligence community believe he is dead, they can't be 100 percent certain because no body or DNA evidence was recovered to prove it, one official said.

The U.S. has carried out more than 45 missile attacks with drones in Pakistan's border region since last August, most targeting foreign

al-Qaida militants and those accused of violence in neighboring Afghanistan. Saad was not considered a heavy hitter in his father's organization and was not the target of the strike, but rather was killed during a strike intended for someone else, National Public Radio said, quoting unidentified officials.

Saad was born in 1982 and is one of 19 children Osama bin Laden is thought to have, officials have said.

The younger bin Laden was believed to have fled Afghanistan shortly after the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001 that routed his father from safe haven there and overthrew the Taliban regime.

Officials have said he went to Iran and was held under a form of house arrest from 2003 to 2008, before turning up in Pakistan, where his father has reportedly been in hiding

somewhere in the ungoverned border region near Afghanistan.

In January, the Treasury slapped financial sanctions on the younger bin Laden and three other al-Qaida figures. In announcing a freeze on their assets held under U.S. jurisdiction, Treasury also said that people from the United States would be barred from engaging in financial transactions with them.

Michael McConnell, director of national intelligence at the time, told a news conference that the move to Pakistan made Saad more vulnerable to being captured or killed by the U.S. or its allies.

"It is better in my world if they are in places that we have access," McConnell said. Pakistan is a U.S. ally in the struggle against Islamic extremists, while the United States has no diplomatic relations with Iran.

DOD to conduct survey on MWR programs

The Department of Defense is going to survey about 600,000 troops to gauge their attitudes on morale, welfare and recreation programs, according to an American Forces Press Service news release.

The surveys — to be distributed and analyzed by a private firm — will be e-mailed Monday.

Defense officials said the department wants feedback on the “established standards for all the services.” Responses are to be anonymous, and family participation in completing the survey is welcome.

Senate votes to defund jet fighter engines

WASHINGTON — The Senate decided to delete money to finance a second engine for the Pentagon's next-generation jet fighter, a program that President Barack Obama and Defense Secretary Robert Gates say should end.

The vote on engines for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter comes just two days after the Senate terminated production of the F-22 fighter, the plane that the F-35 eventually will supplant.

Soldier gets 40 years for Fort Bliss beating

FORT BLISS, Texas — A soldier was sentenced Wednesday to 40 years in military prison after pleading guilty to fatally beating another soldier with a baseball bat at Fort Bliss.

Pvt. Deandrez Robertson admitted in a Fort Bliss court that he hit Pvt. Pernel Robert Flowers II three times in July 2008. Robertson told a military judge he first knocked out Flowers' teeth, hit him again as he was falling and then hit him in the chest as he lay on the ground. Robertson said Flowers never saw the first swing coming. Flowers died about seven months later.

The 40-year sentence came as part of a plea deal. The judge, Col. Ted Dixon, said Robertson will receive credit for 392 days already served.

Capt. Brian Mathison, the prosecutor, said Robertson started plotting the attack after Flowers and two other soldiers identified Robertson as a man who had pointed a shotgun at them at an off-post convenience store a few days earlier.

Army: GI found, no sign he had been kidnapped

BROWNSVILLE, Texas — A Fort Hood-based soldier who was reported as a possible kidnapping victim was found unharmed in a Texas border town and there was no indication he was ever abducted, an Army official said Thursday.

Pfc. James Gonzalez, 24, was taken into custody Wednesday night during a traffic stop in Laredo, said U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Command spokesman Christopher Grey.

There are no indications that Gonzalez was abducted, Grey said in an e-mail. Law enforcement officials in Laredo were interviewing Gonzalez on Thursday; Grey said he'd be turned over to the Army's custody later that day.

From staff and wire reports



A Kurdish Peshmerga soldier casts his vote in the regional elections for a local parliament Thursday in Irbil, Iraq.

KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

Early voting starts in Kurdish region

The Associated Press

SULAIMANIYAH, Iraq — Soldiers and the sick cast early votes Thursday ahead of weekend elections that will determine the leadership of Iraq's Kurdish region, which is locked in an increasingly bitter dispute with the central government over oil-rich land.

A coalition of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the Kurdistan Democratic Party, two parties that have dominated the self-ruled region for decades, faces a challenge from new opposition alliances that seek to capitalize on complaints about authoritarian conduct and alleged corruption.

Also Iraqi lawmakers agreed Thursday to move the national parliamentary election up from Jan. 30 to Jan. 16 to avoid conflicting with the Shiite religious observance of Ashura, the anniversary of the seventh-century death of the Prophet Muhammad's grandson Hussein, said Deputy parliament speaker Khalid al-Attiah.

The election will determine the 275-member parliament, which will choose a prime minister and Cabinet.

In the Kurdish north, about 2.5 million eligible voters in the region's three northern provinces — Irbil, Dohuk and Sulaymaniyah

— will on Saturday elect their 111-seat parliament and next president. Prison inmates, sick people in hospitals and members of the Kurdish security forces known as Peshmerga were among those allowed to vote early.

Some Kurds voted in polling stations in cities outside their region. At a voting center in Baghdad, one Kurdish military official joyfully waved a finger stained with the purple ink used to mark ballot papers.

The Kurds had hoped to simultaneously hold on Saturday a referendum on a proposed constitution, but national authorities scuttled that plan.

Biden calls Afghan fight worth effort, expects more casualties

By RAPHAEL G. SATTER
The Associated Press

LONDON — The United States, Britain and other NATO allies can expect to make more sacrifices and take new casualties as the war in Afghanistan escalates, U.S. Vice President Joe Biden said in an interview broadcast Thursday.

But Biden said the effort to secure the country ahead of Afghanistan's Aug. 20 presidential election was worth it.

He said much of the terrorism threatening the West had its roots in Afghanistan's porous border with Pakistan and that the area produced much of the world's heroin.

“It is a place that, if it doesn't get straightened out, will continue to wreak havoc on Europe and the United States,” Biden told BBC radio's “Today” program from the Georgian capital of Tbilisi.

Biden said the additional U.S. troops being poured into the country were engaging the Taliban rebels on new fronts, meaning “there is likely to be additional casualties.”

Addressing a public that has been unsettled by a spike in fatalities, Biden told Britons that their fight was a necessary one.

“In terms of national interest of Great

Britain, the U.S. and Europe, [the war in Afghanistan] is worth the effort we are making and the sacrifice that is being felt,” he said, before warning that “more will come.”

Nineteen British soldiers have died in Afghanistan in July — the deadliest month of the war for both U.S. and NATO forces — as British forces have gone on the offensive in the southern Helmand province.

The deaths have raised questions about Britain's role in Afghanistan and doubts over whether the U.K. military has the proper equipment for the offensive.

One outgoing British minister broke ranks with Prime Minister Gordon Brown on Wednesday by insisting that forces in Afghanistan did not have enough helicopters — a claim Brown denied.

Biden refused to step into the debate, saying only that he assumed British soldiers had all they needed.

In comments carried on the BBC's Web site, Biden said the Guantanamo Bay prison camp in Cuba would close before the end of the year as planned.



Biden

USFJ commander: Troop realignment positive for all

Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — The top U.S. military commander in Japan on Thursday reaffirmed his support for a long-term plan to realign American troops here despite recent calls for a review of the realignment agreement by Japanese lawmakers.

The criticisms come mainly from the Democratic Party of Japan, a political party looking to move into the majority in next month's elections. In recent weeks, DPJ leaders have pledged to review spending involving U.S. military moves, including plans to relocate 8,000 U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam.

On Thursday, Lt. Gen. Edward Rice, commander of U.S. Forces Japan, declined to comment directly on the pending elections. But he did say he believes the alignment plan, struck in May 2006, offers the best solutions to move U.S. troops from Japan's more densely populated areas.

“It's not maybe everything that everybody wanted,” Rice said at a press conference at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan here. “But it certainly is progress in terms of both providing for the continued defense of Japan and security in the region and decreasing the impact of the presence of U.S. forces on the local communities.”

“I believe it will continue to be important that we support this agreement,” he added. “It took three years to negotiate. As a package, it's very positive for both sides.”

Many U.S. translators not mission-ready

Troops say unfit linguists being recruited for Afghanistan

By JASON STRAZIUSO
The Associated Press

JAWA, Afghanistan
Josh Habib lay in a dirt field, gasping for air. Two days of hiking with Marines through southern Afghanistan's 115-degree Fahrenheit heat had exhausted him. This was not what he signed up for.

Habib is not a Marine. He is a 53-year-old engineer from California hired by a contracting company as a military translator. When he applied for the lucrative linguist job, Habib said his recruiter gave no hint he would join a ground assault in Taliban land. He carried 40 pounds of food, water and gear on his back, and kept pace — barely — with Marines half his age.

U.S. troops say companies that recruit military translators are sending linguists to southern Afghanistan who are unprepared to serve in combat, even as hundreds more are needed to support the growing number of troops.

Some translators are in their 60s and 70s and in poor physical condition — and some don't even speak the right language.

"I've met guys off the planes and have immediately sent them back because they weren't in the proper physical shape," said Gunnery Sgt. James Spangler, 36, who is in charge of linguists at Camp Leatherneck, the largest U.S. base in Helmand province.

"They were too old. They couldn't breathe. They complained about heart problems," he said.

Troops also say low-skilled and disgruntled translators are putting U.S. forces at risk.

"Intelligence can save Marines'



DAVID GUTTENFELDER/AP

Josh Habib, far left, a 53-year-old translator for the U.S. Marines, speaking with Afghan villagers and two Marines in the Nawa district of Afghanistan's Helmand province this month.

"I've met guys off the planes and have immediately sent them back because they weren't in the proper physical shape."

Gunnery Sgt. James Spangler

lives and give us the advantage on the battlefield," said Cpl. William Woodall, 26, of Dallas, who works closely with translators. "Instead of looking for quality, the companies are just pushing bodies out here, and once they're out the door, it's not their problem anymore."

The company that recruits most U.S. citizen translators, Columbus, Ohio-based Mission Essential Personnel, says it's difficult to meet the increased demand for linguists to aid the 15,000 U.S. forces being sent to southern, Pashto-speaking provinces this year as part of President Barack Obama's increased focus on Afghanistan.

Only 7,700 Pashto speakers live in the United States, according to the 2000 census.

Mission Essential's senior vice president, Marc Peltier, said the linguists the company deploys to Afghanistan, Iraq and other countries meet government standards. The military sets no age or weight requirements, he said.

"I really wish everyone we send over was a 21-year-old who can pass the Marine Corps physical fitness exam. They're not," said Peltier.

"It's been a shock to some of them. You can't really acclimate them. We don't have centers to run scenarios out in the heat," he said.

How translators come to believe they won't face danger could originate with recruiters.

Khalid Nazary, an Afghan-American citizen living in Kabul, called Mission Essential about a job and let an Associated Press reporter listen.

He asked if he would go to "dangerous places."

"Oh, no, no, no. You're not a soldier. You're not a soldier. Not at all," the recruiter, Tekelia Barnett, said.

"You're not on the battlefield."

After being pressed on the point, Barnett said the linguist would be subject to "any" assignment, and if he didn't want the task he could quit.

Peltier later said it was indeed possible that translators would be on the battlefield. He said he would talk to Barnett to make sure she made that more clear. Peltier also said the first phone call was "introductory" and that recruits go through two weeks of training "and get a very clear picture of what they're going to do."

Others disagreed. "They say you'll get a shower once a day, have access to Internet and TV, call home six times a week," Woodall said. "And when the guys get out, they're completely shell-shocked."

Habib, the translator, said a Mission Essential recruiter origi-

nally told him that if he passed his language test, he would work out of the main U.S. base at Bagram about 30 miles north of the Afghan capital, Kabul.

Once in Afghanistan, he says he was told he would lose his job if he didn't go with the Marines to Helmand.

Troops and translators say they suspect recruiting companies try to send as many interpreters as possible to Afghanistan to collect fees.

Millions of dollars are involved. Known as Category II translators — U.S. citizens who obtain a security clearance — such linguists earn a salary that starts at \$210,000 a year.

Mission Essential Personnel recruits and hires most Category II linguists in Afghanistan. Peltier said the company was founded by two former Army Special Forces reservists who sought to improve the quality of translators after seeing them "pushed out the door and being mistreated."

The military gave Mission Essential performance bonuses in each quarter last year, Peltier said. When the company took over the Afghanistan language contract in late 2007, only 41 per-

cent of linguists' jobs were filled. Today 97 percent of the jobs are taken, he said.

At Camp Leatherneck, four U.S.-citizen interpreters spoke with AP but none gave his name for fear of losing his job.

The translators said dozens of linguists quit soon after arriving in Afghanistan in recent weeks. Spangler declined to provide numbers but said "quite a bit" resigned or were fired because they were too old, unfit or couldn't speak Pashto.

One translator alleged that most of his colleagues cannot speak Pashto, and that some recruits in the U.S. were bypassing the language test administered for Mission Essential by having a skilled Pashto speaker take it over the phone.

The company does not require the initial test be taken in person but later gives in-person tests.

Spangler said the military is working its way through dozens of newly arrived interpreters and that the system will weed out the weaker ones by September.

But Army Sgt. Will Gamez, 26, of Los Angeles, said soldiers need translators now, and that some feign sickness to avoid work.

"If he doesn't go out, I can't do my job," Gamez said.

"If locals come up to us, we can't tell what they're saying. They might be warning us about a minefield. They might be warning us about an ambush."

The numbers

7,700

The number of American Pashto speakers, according to the 2000 census

\$210,000

The starting salary of a Category II translator

97

Percentage of translator jobs filled, according to Mission Essential Personnel.

IN THE WORLD

**Biden tells Georgians
U.S. backs unity efforts**

TBILISI, Georgia — Vice President Joe Biden told somber Georgian officials on Thursday that Washington stands behind them a year after their army was routed in a war with neighboring Russia.

The war last August came as Georgia sought to regain control of South Ossetia, one of two separatist regions backed by Moscow. Since then, Russia has recognized the two Georgian territories as independent nations and sent troops to defend them.

"I come here on behalf of the United States with a simple, straightforward message: We, the United States, stand by you on your journey to a secure, free and democratic, and once again united, Georgia," Biden said.

**Japan wants no beef
from Kansas company**

TOKYO — A Kansas meat packer that fought U.S. authorities to test its entire herd for mad cow disease was hit with a suspension by Japan this week for shipping banned animal parts.

The decision came after Japanese inspectors Tuesday found bovine spinal columns — prohibited under a bilateral trade agreement — in two of 810 boxes sent by Creekstone Farms Premium Beef.

Under the terms of the trade agreement, U.S. exporters must also remove spinal columns, brain tissue and other parts considered "risk materials."

U.S. beef exports to Japan have plunged to about a quarter of pre-2003 levels, hurting many U.S. meat packers, including Creekstone Farms, that relied heavily on the Japanese market.

**N. Ireland man charged
in soldiers' deaths**

DUBLIN — The Northern Ireland police say they have charged a second suspected IRA dissident with the killing of two off-duty British soldiers in March.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland says the unidentified man, 44, will face two counts of murder, six counts of attempted murder and one count of possessing firearms and ammunition.

Colin Duffy is already facing similar charges following his arrest in March.

From The Associated Press

Clinton: N. Korea's options shrinking

By ROBERT BURNS
The Associated Press



SUKREE SUKPLANG/AP

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton walks in front of North Korea's chief delegate Pak Kun-gwang at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Regional Forum in Phuket, Thailand, on Thursday.

PHUKET, Thailand — Faced with a fresh refusal by North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons program, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Thursday the communist regime has "no friends left" to shield it from punishing U.N. penalties.

"North Korea's continued pursuit of its nuclear ambitions is sure to elevate tensions on the Korean peninsula and could provoke an arms race in the region," Clinton told a news conference after conferring with officials from 26 other countries and organizations. She cited near unanimity on fully enforcing the latest U.N. sanctions against North Korea for its repeated nuclear and missile tests.

Clinton said the U.S. will continue to insist that North Korea return to the bargaining table and verifiably dismantle its nuclear program. At the same time, she held out the prospect of restoring U.S. diplomatic ties to North Korea and other incentives — actions the Obama administration would be willing to consider only if the North Koreans take irreversible steps to denuclearize.

Just before she spoke, a North Korean official declared the six-party talks on denuclearizing North Korea over. And the North Korean Foreign Ministry ridiculed Clinton, saying in a statement that she has "made a spate of vulgar remarks" that "suggest

that she is by no means intelligent."

Before departing for Washington after a week-long trip to India and Thailand, Clinton offered a somewhat more optimistic message about another trouble spot on the U.S. foreign policy agenda: Myanmar, the military-run southeast Asian nation also known as Burma.

"There is a positive direction that we see with Burma," she said.

She praised Myanmar's government for committing to enforce the U.N. sanctions against North Korea, calling it important in light of Myanmar's suspected secret military links to North Korea. Also, she suggested Myanmar may have played a role this month in persuading a North Korean cargo ship suspected of carrying weaponry in violation of the sanctions to return home instead of continuing to its destination, which U.S. officials said was probably Myanmar.

Clinton also called on Myanmar to unconditionally release democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who is accused of violating the terms of her house arrest.

On North Korea, Clinton stressed a point she has made repeatedly — that a fully nuclear North Korea might compel other countries in Asia to follow suit.

Clinton also said, "I wanted to make very clear that the United States does not seek any kind of offensive action against North Korea."

Malfunctions cause Israel to abort missile testing

By AMY TEIBEL
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Tests of a missile-defense system meant to shield Israel from Iranian attack were aborted over the past week on three occasions because of various malfunctions, Israeli defense officials said Thursday.

In the latest case, an upgraded version of the Arrow II — a system being developed by state-run Israel Aerospace Industries Ltd. and Chicago-based Boeing Co. — was tested off the coast of California on Wednesday, they said.

But communication glitches between the missile and the radar led U.S. defense officials to abort the test before an intercepting missile could be fired, they said.

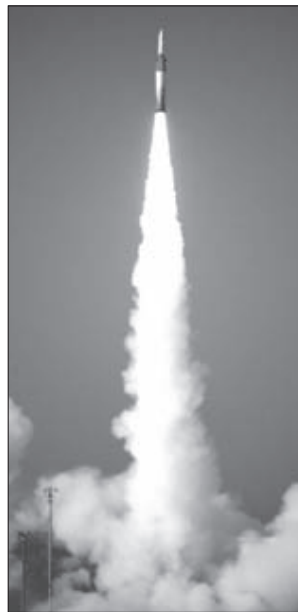
They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to disclose details of the tests, which were carried out in the U.S. because that would allow

for greater distances than would be possible in Israel, Defense Ministry spokesman Shlomo Dror said.

The Arrow is part of a multi-layered missile defense system Israel is working on to protect it from all forms of attack, ranging from short-range rocket fire from Lebanon and the Gaza Strip to longer-range threats from Iran.

Dror said tests of the same Arrow system in Israel earlier this year were "very successful." He said malfunctions of systems still in their experimental stage were to be expected and said other tests were called off on Friday and Monday.

The defense officials said the improved Arrow II was meant to intercept a dummy Iranian Shihab missile, which is capable of carrying a nuclear warhead. Iran's Shihab-3 has a range of up to 1,250 mile, putting Israel well within striking distance.



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This Arrow missile was launched at an undisclosed location in Israel in December 2005.

Opposition candidate drops out of Kyrgyz vote

The Associated Press

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — The main opposition candidate in Kyrgyzstan said he was no longer taking part in Thursday's presidential election, citing widespread ballot-stuffing and the intimidation of election monitors.

Political turmoil has wracked this nation of five million — positioned along China's western frontier — for several years.

President Kurmanbek Bakiyev, 59, had campaigned on a platform of stability and Thursday's election has been viewed by many as a test of the country's commitment to democracy.

The decision by opposition candidate Almazbek Atambayev to abandon the race appeared to guarantee Bakiyev another five-year term.

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IN THE STATES

N.J. corruption probe nabs mayors, lawmakers

By DAVID PORTER
The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The mayors of three New Jersey cities, two state legislators and several rabbis were among more than 40 people arrested Thursday in a sweeping corruption investigation that began as a probe into an international money laundering ring that trafficked in goods as diverse as human organs and fake designer handbags.

Among 44 people arrested Thursday were Hoboken Mayor Peter Cammarano III, Secaucus Mayor Dennis Elwell, Jersey City Deputy Mayor Leona Beldini, state Assemblyman President L. Harvey Smith and state Assemblyman Daniel Van Pelt.

Ridgefield Mayor Anthony Suarez, who is also an attorney, is charged with agreeing to accept an illegal \$10,000 cash payment for his legal defense fund.

Gov. Jon Corzine reacted to the corrup-

tion probe Thursday morning by saying, "any corruption is unacceptable — anywhere, anytime, by anybody. The scale of corruption we're seeing as this unfolds is simply outrageous and cannot be tolerated."

In separate money laundering complaints, several rabbis from New York City's Brooklyn borough and New Jersey were charged with offenses ranging from the trafficking of kidneys from Israeli donors to laundering proceeds from selling fake Gucci and Prada bags.

Van Pelt is accused of accepting \$10,000 from a cooperating government witness posing as a developer who sought help in getting permits for a project in Ocean County.

Smith, the Jersey City Council President, and several other current and former Jersey City public officials also are accused of accepting money to help the fake developer gain permits and approvals.

Beldini, 74, is charged with conspiracy to commit extortion by taking \$20,000 in illegal campaign contributions. Jersey City Mayor Jerramiah Healy said Thursday the charges were "a little shocking."

"I have full faith in Leona," Healy said. "She's a good friend of mine — was and will be."

Cammarano, 32, who won a runoff election last month, is charged with accepting \$25,000 in cash bribes from an undercover cooperating witness. Elwell is charged with taking \$10,000.

Joseph Hayden, an attorney representing Cammarano, said his client "is innocent of these charges. He intends to fight them with all his strength until he proves his innocence."

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, the investigation initially focused, with the help of the cooperating witness, on the money laundering network that operated between Brooklyn; Deal, N.J.; and Israel.



ROBERT SCIARRINO, THE STAR LEDGER/AP

Secaucus, N.J., Mayor Dennis Elwell, right, is led to FBI headquarters in Newark after being taken into custody early Thursday.



BILLY SMITH, HOUSTON CHRONICLE/AP

Police tape marks the spot where six people were shot, none fatally, at the Texas Southern University campus, officials said. The shootings occurred during a rally Wednesday evening on campus, where a popular Houston rapper was promoting voter registration.

Drive-by shooter wounds 6 at Texas Southern Univ.

By JUAN A. LOZANO
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Gunfire on the Texas Southern University campus wounded six people and scattered the crowd at a community rally.

Police on Thursday were investigating whether a gang rivalry was behind the drive-by shooting.

People were gathered at the event that included a Houston rapper's performance when a car drove by and shots sprayed out from the vehicle, school spokeswoman Eva Pickens said, citing witness statements to police.

The sound of gunfire made people drop to the pavement of the parking lot where the rally was being held to promote community service and voter registration.

Peter Role, a local music promoter, told the Houston Chronicle he heard what sounded "like the Fourth of July."

"We heard some gunshots

and everybody was hitting the ground," Role said.

Six people, including one male student at the school, were being treated for injuries that were serious but not life-threatening, Pickens said.

Campus police believe the violence resulted from a rivalry between two gangs, one from Missouri City, a suburb southwest of Houston, and the other from Fresno, a small town outside Missouri City, she said.

Before the violence, Houston City Councilman Peter Brown and U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee made appearances at the event billed as a "family block party," and local rapper Trae the Truth performed.

Lucinda Guinn, who's managing Brown's run for mayor in November's election, said she had no details on the shootings, but was dismayed that "an effort for bringing a very positive message to the community" would end in violence.

Police officer who arrested scholar teaches avoidance of racial profiling

By DENISE LAVOIE
The Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The white police sergeant accused of racial profiling after he arrested renowned black scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr. in his home was hand-picked by a black police commissioner to teach recruits about avoiding racial profiling.

Friends and fellow officers — black and white — say Sgt. James Crowley is a principled cop and family man who is being unfairly described as racist.

"If people are looking for a guy who's abusive or arrogant, they got the wrong guy," said Andy Meyer, of Natick, who has vacationed with Crowley, coached youth sports with him and is his teammate on a men's softball team. "This is not a racist, rogue cop. This is a fine, upstanding man. And if every cop in the world were like him, it would be a better place."

Gates accused the 11-year department veteran of being an unyielding, race-baiting authoritarian after Crowley arrested and charged him with disorderly conduct last week.

Crowley confronted Gates in his home after a woman passing by summoned police for a possible burglary. The sergeant said he arrested Gates after the scholar repeatedly accused him of racism and made derogatory remarks about his mother, allegations the professor challenges. Gates has labeled Crowley a "rogue cop," demanded an apology and said he may sue the police department.

On Wednesday, President Barack Obama elevated the dispute, when he said Cambridge

Police "acted stupidly" during the encounter.

Obama stepped back on Thursday, telling ABC News, "From what I can tell, the sergeant who was involved is an outstanding police officer, but my suspicion is probably that it would have been better if cooler heads had prevailed."

He has said he has no reason to apologize and, on Thursday, told a radio station Obama went too far.

"I support the president of the United States 110 percent," he told WBZ-AM. "I think he was way off base wading into a local issue without knowing all the facts, as he himself stated before he made that comment."



Crowley

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List shows White House met early with medical execs

By SHARON THEIMER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Administration officials began talking privately to major players in the health care industry within a few weeks of President Barack Obama's inauguration, a newly released list of White House visitors shows.

During his presidential campaign, Obama promised to hold lobbyists at arm's length and make his administration the most transparent ever.

Obama on Wednesday night released the list of visits by health care executives after a government watchdog group, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, announced it planned to sue to try to get White House visitor logs. Only names and dates were released, not the visitors' titles or employers.

So far, the Obama administration is following a Bush administration policy of refusing to release the logs, which are maintained by the Secret Service.

The list shows that Richard Umfdenstock, president of the American Hospital Association, was at the White House on Feb. 4 and has been back at least a half-dozen times since then, most recently May 22. Other industry executives making February visits included health insurance company chief executives Angela Braly of WellPoint Inc. and Jay Gellert of Health Net Inc.

Obama hits the road to push health care



HARAZ N. GHANBARI/AP

President Barack Obama speaks during a town hall meeting on health care Thursday in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

The Associated Press

SHAKER HEIGHTS, Ohio — President Barack Obama stepped up his us-against-them pitch for overhauling health care Thursday, saying the American people need it and must overcome resistance from opponents in Washington, whom he described vaguely as naysayers and skeptics.

"Reform may be coming too soon for some in Washington," Obama told hundreds who packed a high school gym in the Shaker Heights suburb of Cleveland. "But it's not soon enough for the American people."

The president took a few swipes at Republican critics. But his biggest obstacles are fellow Democrats who control the House and Senate and are moving slowly on his call for widespread changes to U.S. health care.

Senate leaders said Thursday

they could not meet Obama's deadline for a vote before the August recess. And a key House committee is struggling to placate moderate Democrats worried about the plan's costs.

"We just heard today that, well, we may not be able to get the bill out of the Senate by the end of August, or the beginning of August," Obama said. "That's OK. I just want people to keep on working."

The president said his critics were urging delay so the overhaul would stall and they could avoid politically difficult votes.

"Sometimes, delay in Washington occurs because people don't

want to do anything that they think might be controversial," Obama said, citing Medicare and Social Security.

He ratcheted up the rhetoric at the town hall forum here, likening the bid to overhaul health care to the manned missions to the moon 40 years ago.

"Going to the moon was controversial. But at some point, if we're going to move this country forward we can't be afraid to change, especially a system that we know is broken. We've got to get it done and we've got to get it done soon."

In response to a question at

the town hall-style event, Obama jumped at a chance to tell the people in audience how they can help him get a bill to his desk. He advised people to lobby senators and representatives for health care reform by telling their stories.

For all his efforts, which have included public statements each weekday for the past few weeks, Republican lawmakers and other critics sense momentum building against Obama's plan.

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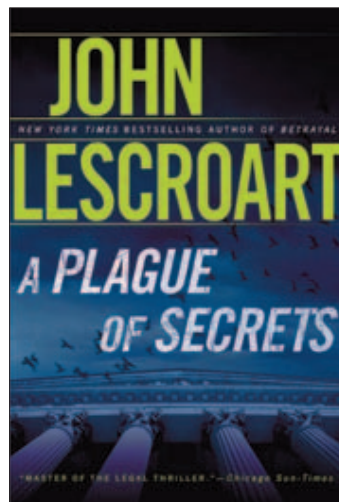


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FAITH

Christian mom learns to love homosexual son

By STEVE ROTHBAUS
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — Deon Davis didn't set out to write a book about her gay teenage son. It began as a diary she kept during her struggle to accept him.

"I started keeping the journal during therapy," says Davis, 42, a Tamarac, Fla., dialysis nurse who grew up in a conservative Christian world where "it's unacceptable for a black man to be gay."

In time, though, Davis realized that her love for son Rashad was greater than any prejudice she once held. "I learned that our children have feelings, that the parent is not always right. I learned that the hard way," she says. "I'm learning all this through the blessing of Rashad being gay."

Now Davis is on a mission. She spent \$1,300 to self-publish "I'll Find a Way: A Mother's Journey of Love and Acceptance for Her Gay Son" and is working tirelessly to promote it.

A few weeks ago, she spoke at Books & Books' Coral Gables, Fla., store.

"At the last book signing, I was bombarded by questions," Davis says. "There were a lot of mothers. Two gay couples. A lot of single people coming in. An older man, and he started asking questions: How do I deal with it? How did he come out to me? I was getting questions about religion — a lot of questions about religion and abomination. I say the Jesus Christ

I believe in loves me and he loves [Rashad]."

In the book, Davis calls her son "Ricky." Rashad wanted his real name used, but Davis said no, afraid he'd get bullied at school or in the neighborhood. Recently turned 18, Rashad insists his real name be used from now on.

Davis, a single mother who raised three children, noticed that from about age 2 Rashad was unlike his older brother and sister. A sensitive youth, he preferred the arts to sports and became more rebellious than the other two.

By the time he was 14, Rashad was moody and depressed. He wouldn't speak with his mother and she sent him to a family therapist. Rashad confided to the therapist that he was gay. With the boy's permission, she told Davis, who didn't handle it well.

"When I first came out to her, she was crying and she told me it was something she did," Rashad says. "It was eye-opening for her."

At first, Davis hoped it was a phase that Rashad would outgrow. He didn't. Davis worked hard, she says, to keep an open mind and get to know her son.

Rashad plans to go to the University of Central Florida, where he'll major in musical theater. He says stereotypes don't bother him.

"Please, I don't care. I love what I do," he says. "It's who you are. It's what you do and put out in the world. Whether you like to wear pink or maroon, it's what's inside that matters."



ANDREW ULOZA/Miami Herald

Deon Davis, the author of "I'll Find a Way: A Mother's Journey of Love and Acceptance for Her Gay Son," sits with her son Rashad at Welleby Park in Sunrise, Fla.



Camp Sumatanga, a United Methodist Church retreat at Gallant, Ala., is shown. Sumatanga is among hundreds of church camps nationwide that are facing money problems. Years of declining use and the recession have forced administrators to consider closing the retreat or cutting services.

JAY REEVES/AP

Church camps seeing season of decay, decline

By JAY REEVES
The Associated Press

GALLANT, Ala. — Camp Sumatanga has meant Bible stories and softball games for generations of Methodist families. Young and old alike come to the old church retreat for renewal in its quiet coves and chapels.

Today, though, the 1,700-acre retreat is in danger of shutting down.

Nestled in the Appalachian foothills, it's among hundreds of church camps nationwide that are on the critical list. Years of declining usage and the recession have forced administrators to consider closing or cutting services.

The president of the Christian Camp and Conference Association, Bob Kobiellush, said dozens of camps nationwide ceased operating in the last three years, and this could be the last summer for many more.

"I think this fall through Christmas we will see as many as 10 to 15 percent of camps decide they no longer can continue operating," said Kobiellush, whose organization has about 950 member camps. He estimates there are about 3,000 church-affiliated camps nationwide.

Leaders say Camp Sumatanga, operated by the United Methodist Church in north Alabama, could close at the end of the summer without \$300,000 to make up a budget deficit.

"What we offer here is quiet, a place to be quiet," said the Rev. Bob Murray, a former banker who has worked as director at Sumatanga for 18 months. "Not everyone values that as much as they once did."

Construction began in 1948 at Sumatanga, located about 55 miles northeast of Birmingham. Religious camps were being built all over the country around the same time as World War II veterans started families and Christian churches flourished.

"There was a period of huge growth," said Kobiellush, who estimated that as many as 70 percent of the nation's church camps were built in the late '40s and 1950s.

The Baby Boom turned into a bust for the camps, though, and many began losing visitors as religious denominations began contracting, TV replaced the campfire and kids' schedules were filled with other activities. Declining revenues meant renovations and repairs never happened at many camps as they aged, Kobiellush said.

Other U.S. church camps are having a tough year, too. In Minnesota last month, directors of a 50-year-old United Church of Christ camp, Pilgrim Point, voted to close after summer because of declining use and the collapse of financial markets, which slashed its income from endowments. Presbyterians in West Virginia this year formed a nonprofit group to support Bluestone Camp & Retreat, which also was threatened with closure.

The situation is brighter at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, located in central Florida, but the camp is facing an operating deficit this year, said director Don Sawyer.

"The economy is affecting everyone," said Sawyer, president of the Southern Baptist Camping Association. "The larger [camps] may have to do some cutbacks and find ways to streamline things, but I don't think they're in danger of closing."

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Sugarland singer put on vocal rest

Sugarland singer Jennifer Nettles is on vocal rest after canceling two weekend shows.

In a video message to fans posted on the duo's Web site, Nettles said she has been dealing with voice problems since January. She says she "blew her voice" from the combination of singing in the studio and on the road.



Nettles

Sugarland canceled their Saturday appearance with Kenny Chesney in San Francisco and their Sunday concert with Keith Urban in Los Angeles. The duo, which also includes guitarist Kristian Bush, are scheduled to perform Thursday in Sandy, Utah.

Sutherland gets charge dropped

Kiefer Sutherland's legal troubles for allegedly head-butting a fashion designer in a New York City nightclub are over. The Manhattan district attorney's spokeswoman said Tuesday that misdemeanor assault charges against the actor are being dropped because the alleged victim wouldn't cooperate with prosecutors. The star of the Fox TV show "24" was charged in May after designer Jack McCollough said Sutherland head-butted him and broke his nose in a Manhattan nightclub.

Stephen Baldwin files for bankruptcy

Court records show actor Stephen Baldwin is millions of dollars in debt and has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

A filing Tuesday in federal court in New York

shows that Baldwin owes \$1.2 million in two mortgages on a property about 30 miles north of New York City valued at \$1.1 million. The document shows he also owes more than \$1 million in taxes and has about \$70,000 in credit card debt. His wife, Kennya Baldwin, is also named in the filing.

Baldwin's lawyer, Bruce Weiner, did not immediately return a message left for him late Tuesday.



Baldwin



AP

Whitney Houston says her daughter's support helped fuel her new record.

"She was with me every step of the way: 'Mom, you can do this.' When I get discouraged and I get like, ... 'This is wearing me out... she'd just go, 'No, mom, you can do this, get up, get up.'"

The 44-year-old superstar on her daughter, Bobbi Kristina, 15. Houston is releasing "I Look to You" on Sept. 1. On Tuesday evening, she premiered several tracks before an industry audience.

— The Associated Press

Rock Hall of Fame to hold concert

Bruce Springsteen, Aretha Franklin, U2 and Stevie Wonder are among the music legends who will celebrate 25 years of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame — and they plan to sing much more than "Happy Birthday."

Those inductees, plus Eric Clapton, Metallica and others, will perform at two concerts at New York's Madison Square Garden in October to mark the rock hall's silver anniversary.

A statement from the rock hall says there will be different lineups for the Oct. 29 and Oct. 30 shows. Proceeds will be used for a permanent endowment.

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Evil children subgenre can chill moviegoers

Evil kids: Can't live with 'em, can't kill 'em.

Well, actually, you can. Unless they kill you first.

Ever since Patty McCormack's sickeningly sweet murderess Rhoda Penmark in "The Bad Seed" in the mid-'50s, the horror movie subgenre featuring inherently wicked children has been scaring people no matter their age.

Now along comes "Orphan," starring Isabelle Fuhrman as Esther, who would be a formidable foe for Damien from "The Omen" movies, those shiny-eyed towheads from "Village of the Damned" or glowering little Billy from "The Twilight Zone," who controls everyone with his telepathic wishes.

Esther comes across as the near perfect child, with her politeness, painting and piano playing — until she smashes a bird's head with a rock and forces a nun to drive off a snowy road, just for starters.

The most recent film in the Harry Potter series, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," invokes the evil-child theme as well. It features flashbacks to the childhood of young Tom Riddle, who would go on to become the dark Lord Voldemort; even when Tom was a student at Hogwarts, it was obvious to his professors that he was powerful in a potentially dangerous way.

Evil-kid movies are revered enough that they've received the highest form of flattery: being sent up by other movies and TV shows, including "The Simpsons." And "Family Guy" offers up a regular character: matricidal little Stewie, who wanted to kill Lois for the longest time.

Besides their imitators, such films have their antecedents as well, Seton Hall University film professor Christopher Sharrett points out. All of them build on the "increasing disbelief in the idea of innocence," he says.

"You see the idea in 'Angels with Dirty Faces,' the Dead End Kids, and in the post-war years, the teenpic or 'juvenile delin-

quent' film of the Cold War that poses the teenager as internal threat to adult values," Sharrett explains.

Wheeler Winston Dixon, a University of Nebraska film professor who's written about evil children in film, says the enduring appeal of demon children in horror films is the fear of the unknown.

"Children are seen as 'blank slates' to a degree, and also as essentially 'unknowable,' because they live in a world very different from the adult world, in which fantasy and reality intermingle," he says. "Parents wonder what their children will become, and while they wish the best for them, they often feel as if they have no control over them. It is this essential lack of knowledge, and the fear that the children have a secret world which adults can't enter, which drives our fear of childhood as a separate domain."

Josh Heuman of Texas A&M University suggests that the movies play "on the dirty little secret that kids aren't sweet and innocent, and the anxiety that it provokes."

"They're little monsters, and not necessarily in the affectionate sense," Heuman says. "I'm thinking of my wonderful 2-year-old's outlandish force of will, and then the 'It's a Good Life' episode of 'The Twilight Zone.' Billy is hyperbole, but not unrealism or irony!"

Yes, even in real life, the little dickens can frighten you.

Dixon notes that Rhoda in "The Bad Seed" was the first mainstream demon child, but the trope really took off with the 1960 British science fiction film "Village of the Damned" and the sequel "Children of the Damned," in which a mysterious force impregnates all the women villagers simultaneously.

"Orphan" screenwriter David Leslie Johnson says he loved the evil-child horror subgenre ever since he saw "The Bad Seed" — which did seem like a revelation in the mid-20th century.

— Douglas J. Rowe/Associated Press



20th Century Fox

At top: Isabelle Fuhrman and Vera Farmiga, left, are shown in a scene from "Orphan."

Inset: Seamus Davey-Fitzpatrick portrays Damien in a scene from "The Omen."

YOUR MONEY

SBP-DIC fix being held up by pay-go rule

It can be a frustrating time of year for 54,000 military widows who see their Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) payments wiped out or reduced by the monthly amount they receive in Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As it has done routinely in recent years, the Senate on Tuesday again approved, by voice vote, an amendment from Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., to end this unpopular SBP-DIC offset.

But as in years past, the Senate hasn't set aside money to pay full SBP to these surviving spouses. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the cost at \$6.6 billion over the next 10 years.

Lawmakers say they are handcuffed by a "pay-as-you-go" budget law that requires any new federal entitlements be paid for with a matching reduction in

other "mandatory spending" or entitlement program.

So, barring a legislative miracle, Nelson's amendment will be tossed out again when House-Senate conferees meet later this year to iron out differences in separate versions of the fiscal 2010 defense authorization bill.

The Military Coalition, a consortium of 34 military associations and veterans' service organizations, made eliminating the SBP-DIC offset a legislative priority this year. But Steve Strobebridge, co-chair of the coalition, said the armed services committees have a tough time finding spending offsets within the defense budget to raise SBP payments.

So the coalition intends to press

House and Senate leaders hard in the coming months either to find offsets elsewhere in the federal budget or to declare the predicament of these widows worthy of an emergency exemption from the "pay-as-you-go" budget rule.

MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

"We always get the same arguments that 'We can't afford to do it' or 'We can't find the mandatory spending offsets' [given] other pressing needs that are a lot more money, from [economic] stimulus packages to the [new] GI Bill last year. Now they're talking about fixing the Medicare payment issue by declaring it an emergency and waiving the [pay-as-

you-go] rule. That's \$250 billion to \$300 billion," Strobebridge said. "Well, if we can do it for hundreds of billions of dollars in other programs, then we just don't buy that we can't do the same thing for \$6 billion for military widows."

That's the argument congressional leaders will hear.

"It's had to tell how optimistic to be," said Strobebridge, given the legislative history on this issue. But he noted that Democratic leaders unveiled a series of legislative goals in 2005 for servicemembers, veterans and their families called the new "GI Bill of Rights for the 21st Century."

Those goals ranged from improving veterans' health care and lifting the ban on concurrent receipt of both retired pay and VA disability compensation, to modernizing the GI Bill education benefit and ending the SBP-DIC offset, referred to then as the "Military Families Tax."

"They have come through on a lot of the other things," Strobebridge said, including a big increase in VA funding, progress on concurrent receipt and narrowing the military's pay gap with the private sector. But relief from the SBP-DIC offset is "one area where the action hasn't met the rhetoric."

Congress has recognized that the SBP-DIC offset is unjust, Strobebridge said, but has provided only "paltry sums" to affected surviving spouses.

Those impacted by the offset began receiving a Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) of \$50 a month last October. It was to increase in October each year by \$10 per month until it reached \$100 by 2013. But the payment

would expire by October 2014.

Earlier this year, Congress saw a chance to raise and extend the SSIA using money saved on a non-defense program. So a provision added to the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, which President Obama signed into law June 22, will raise the SSIA to \$95 a month this October. It will climb to \$105 the next year, to \$120 in October 2011, to \$130 in 2012, and to \$150 in 2013. SSIA is to be raised to \$200 a month by October 2014, to \$275 by October 2015 and to \$310 by October 2016. But that still would be only about a quarter of what affected widows can lose to the DIC offset.

Dan McLaughlin, a staffer for Senator Nelson, said the lawmaker realizes his amendment to end SBP-DIC offset hasn't survived a conference committee with the House for perhaps four straight years. But because the effort is "for veterans' families," he said, Nelson "happens to believe you keep on trying, no matter how long it takes."

Tricare for life

Last week's column on selection of new support contractors for North and South TRICARE Regions left many readers wondering how Tricare for Life (TFL) benefits for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries will be impacted, if at all. I should have explained they won't.

Claims processing for TFL is covered separately, and not included in the new contracts. Wisconsin Physicians Service remains the contractor for TFL. Services to TFL beneficiaries will not change, say TRICARE officials.

To comment, e-mail milupdate@aol.com, write to Military Update, P.O. Box 231111, Centerville, VA, 20120-1111 or visit: www.militaryupdate.com

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY										
INDEXES										
52-week		Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD Chg	% Chg	52-wk	Low	High
High	Low									
11,867.11	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,881.26	-34.68	-0.39	+1.19	-23.65			
5,293.41	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,394.83	+34.69	+1.03	-4.02	-33.93			
504.28	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	364.66	-2.41	-0.66	-1.65	-24.93			
8,633.14	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	6,151.40	-2.99	-0.05	+6.85	-28.31			
2,189.30	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,642.72	+7.27	+0.44	+17.54	-23.87			
2,473.20	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,926.38	+10.18	+0.53	+22.15	-17.18			
1,131.15	666.79	S&P 500	954.07	-51	-0.05	+5.63	-25.59			
828.09	397.97	S&P MidCap	600.70	+2.65	+0.44	+11.60	-26.47			
13,382.96	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,802.46	+10.56	+0.11	+7.87	-25.09			
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	528.70	+3.48	+0.66	+5.86	-26.49			

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	2713164	2.80	+1.15	Hemiphx	420533	2.40	-0.91	Intel	1068689	19.14	+2.24
BkofAm	2388734	12.23	+0.04	PSCrudeBL	92166	4.34	+1.12	PwShs QQQ	1046071	38.50	+3.32
SPDR	1760123	95.55	-0.02	Eldoridg	17940	9.47	-0.09	Starbucks	136978	17.39	+2.70
WellsFargo	1379058	24.45	-0.90	TrianaAcq	16896	9.75	+0.05	Microsoft	633688	24.80	-0.03
SPDR FncI	968245	12.14	+0.01	NovaGld	16669	4.12	-0.06	Yahoo	522724	17.37	+6.62
FordM	906989	6.38	+0.18	GoldStid	12519	2.31	-0.02	Cisco	512398	21.45	-1.14
Pfizer	833996	15.87	+1.17	NthgTM	11960	2.32	+0.03	ETrade	488814	1.36	+0.07
GenElec	767604	11.63	+1.16	US Gold	10951	3.08	+0.07	HumGen	325609	14.05	+2.21
ISHMkt s	680262	34.59	-0.08	Sinovac	10911	4.25	+0.14	SeagateT	315525	11.85	+6.65
AMD	641024	3.55	-0.53	Taseko	10692	1.78	+0.03	Apple Inc	296851	156.74	+5.23

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS						KEY MUTUAL FUNDS					
Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	NAV	Chg	%Ret.	YTD	%Ret.
Alliant Technosystem	..	18	80.52	+0.05	-6.1	Fidelity Invest: GroCo	57.84	+35	+18.1		
Boeing	1.68	15	42.00	-1.02	-1.6	Fidelity Spartan: EqlgldInv	33.75	-0.02	+7.2		
Computer Sciences	..	6	46.43	-2.4	-32.1	Fidelity Invest: USBI	10.93	-0.02	+3.6		
General Dynamics	1.52	9	54.00	-0.55	-6.2	Fidelity Invest: Ovrsea	27.77	+0.08	+10.7		
General Electric	.40	9	11.63	+1.16	-28.2	Fidelity Invest: GroInc	13.88	+0.03	+5.9		
Halliburton	.36	18	22.13	-2.6	-21.7	Fidelity Invest: AMgr50	12.40	+0.01	+16.0		
Harris Corp.	.80	13	31.06	-0.04	-13.7	Amer Century Inv: Ultra	16.52	..	+14.3		
Allied Signal	1.21	10	33.38	-0.03	+1.7	Putnam Funds A: GrInA p	10.13	..	+8.9		
L-3 Communications	1.40	10	71.52	+0.02	-3.1	AIM Investments A: CharT p	12.93	..	+11.4		
Lockheed Martin	2.28	10	76.25	+1.12	-9.3	AIM Investments A: Const p	17.83	+0.01	+5.9		
Northrop	1.72	10	47.13	+0.02	+4.6	Frank/Temp Fmk A: SMCpGrA	24.09	..	+18.7		
Raytheon	1.24	11	44.99	+1.11	-11.9	DWS Invest S: GroIncS	12.13	+0.02	+11.6		
Rockwell Intl.	1.16	12	36.71	+0.53	+13.9	Fidelity Advisor T: EqlnT	17.66	..	+5.2		
Texas Instruments	.44	30	23.31	+2.4	+50.2	Fidelity Advisor T: GroppT	23.29	+1.3	+22.3		
Textron Inc.	.08	8	10.79	-0.03	-2.2	DWS Invest S: Intl Fds	38.94	-0.06	+12.3		
United Technologies	1.54	12	53.12	-0.85	-9.9	Putnam Funds A: GblEqty p	7.13	-0.01	+11.9		
						Lord Abbett A: DevGIA p	13.12	+0.06	+23.7		
						Fidelity Advisor T: OvrseaT	14.59	+0.04	+8.6		
						DWS Invest S: CorPInc	10.02	-0.02	+5.9		

GAS PRICES

Country	Unleaded	Super unleaded	Super plus	Diesel
Japan/Okinawa	..	\$2.436	..	\$2.341
Change in price	..	-6.5 cents	..	-4.6 cents
South Korea	\$2.556	..	\$2.807	\$2.589
Change in price	-6.5 cents	..	-6.5 cents	-4.6 cents
Guam	\$2.649*	..	\$2.899	..
Change in price	-6.0 cents	-6.0 cents	-6.0 cents	..

For the week of July 25 - 31 * Midgrade

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (July 24).....	91.00
South Korean won (July 24).....	1,219.00
Euro costs (July 24).....	€ 1.4594
Dollar buys (July 24).....	€ 0.6852
British pound (July 24).....	\$1.69
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar).....	0.3770
British pound.....	\$1.6499
Canada (Dollar).....	1.0967
China (Yuan).....	6.8320
Denmark (Krone).....	5.2356
Egypt (Pound).....	5.5700
Euro.....	\$1.4224/0.7030
Hong Kong (Dollar).....	7.7501
Hungary (Forint).....	189.75
Israel (Shekel).....	3.8722
Japan (Yen).....	94.85
Kuwait (Dinar).....	0.2871
Norway (Krone).....	6.2814
Philippines (Peso).....	48.06
Poland (Zloty).....	2.97
Saudi Arabia (Riyal).....	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar).....	1.4405
South Korea (Won).....	1,249.22
Switzerland (Franc).....	1.0706
Thailand (Baht).....	33.99
Turkey (New Lira).....	1.4873
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold.....	\$935.10
Silver.....	\$13.230

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate.....	3.25
Discount rate.....	0.50
Federal funds market rate.....	0.00-0.25
3-month bill.....	0.17
30-year bond.....	4.45
Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press	

Initial jobless benefit claims rise to 554,000

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The number of newly laid-off workers seeking jobless benefits rose last week, though the government said its report again was distorted by the timing of auto plant shutdowns.

Unemployment insurance claims have declined steadily since the spring, but most private economists and the Federal Reserve expect jobs to remain scarce and the unemployment rate to top 10 percent by year-end.

Elsewhere, the housing market showed more signs of life as sales of previously occupied homes rose for the third straight month in June, according to the National Association of Realtors. That helped push the Dow Jones

industrials above 9,000 for the first time since early January.

The Labor Department said Thursday that its tally of initial claims for unemployment insurance rose by 30,000 to a seasonally adjusted 554,000. That was above analysts' estimates of 550,000.

Still, weekly claims remain far above the 300,000 to 350,000 that analysts say is consistent with a healthy economy. New claims last fell below 300,000 in early 2007. The total jobless benefit rolls, meanwhile, fell by a more-than-expected 88,000 to 6.2 million, the lowest level since mid-April. And the four-week moving average of claims, which normally smooths out some volatility, fell by 19,000 to 566,000.

Comic Con tempts fans with upcoming flicks



DENIS POROY/AP

Convention attendees dressed as a Marvel Comic characters wait in line Wednesday for the annual Comic Con convention in San Diego.

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A life-sized Iron Man toy and larger-than-life Transformers — in both car and robot form — welcomed fans to the 40th annual Comic Con.

The pop-culture convention opened Wednesday at the San Diego Convention Center.

Thousands of fans swarmed the oceanfront convention center at 6 p.m., when the doors were opened to weekend-pass holders. Fans immediately lined up for freebies and raced to snap up the most in-demand toys and comic books.

"What's this the line for?" one

fan asked. "We're just walking," another replied.

It was standing room only at the Comic Con preview, as fans wearing Spider-Man T-shirts and G.I. Joe caps checked out the offerings from movie studios, broadcasters and publishers.

From immortal bloodsuckers and 19th century forensics pioneers to flying suits of armor and an all-new breed of live-action 3-D, the essence of this year's hottest properties at Comic Con can be found deep in the past, or far into the future.

"Twilight" proved to be the most rabid fan-feeding frenzy at last year's Comic Con, and its se-

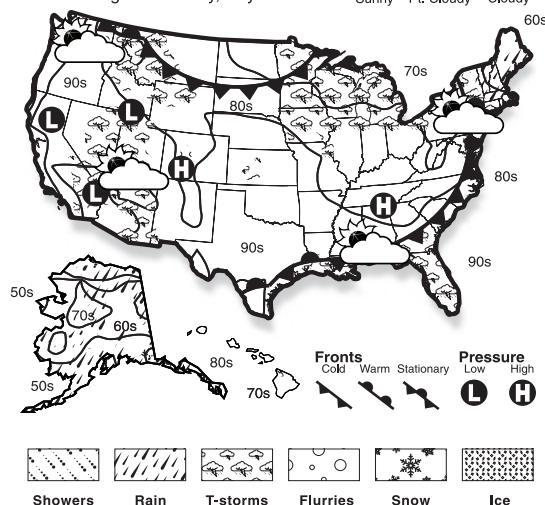
quel, "New Moon," based on the second novel in the vampire series by Stephenie Meyer, stands out among the savory offerings being presented Thursday at the San Diego Convention Center.

Other highlights include "Tron," a reboot of the '80s sci-fi classic about computer programmers trapped in a digital world, Tim Burton's take on "Alice in Wonderland" and an early look at "Iron Man 2." James Cameron will also preview "Avatar," a futuristic adventure that promises a new level of 3-D based on technology the "Titanic" director helped develop.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, July 24



Friday's global temperatures

City Hi Lo Weather	La Paz, 54 23 clr
Amsterdam, 73 60 rn	Lima, 67 62 cdy
Athens, 87 77 clr	Lisbon, 75 68 pc
Auckland, 60 50 rn	London, 73 58 rn
Baghdad, 111 86 clr	Madrid, 95 75 clr
Basra, 118 91 clr	Managua, 89 75 rn
Bahrain, 102 91 clr	Manila, 87 82 pc
Bangkok, 88 73 rn	Mecca, 113 88 clr
Barbados, 87 77 rn	Melbourne, 59 44 rn
Barcelona, 85 73 pc	Mexico City, 80 57 clr
Beijing, 88 69 rn	Montevideo, 48 41 rn
Beirut, 91 75 pc	Montreal, 72 63 rn
Belgrade, 91 60 clr	Moscow, 69 53 rn
Berlin, 80 62 rn	Nairobi, 67 56 pc
Bermuda, 84 75 pc	Nassau, 90 75 rn
Bogota, 64 50 pc	New Delhi, 96 82 pc
Brasilia, 85 57 clr	Nice, 77 68 clr
Brisbane, 73 49 clr	Osaka, 86 75 pc
Brussels, 80 60 rn	Oslo, 67 48 rn
Bucharest, 89 55 clr	Panama, 87 77 rn
Budapest, 91 60 clr	Paris, 80 62 rn
Buenos Aires, 44 37 rn	Perth, 63 44 rn
Cairo, 99 77 clr	Prague, 84 59 clr
Calgary, 87 54 clr	Rio de Janeiro, 82 62 clr
Caracas, 93 78 pc	Rome, 93 68 clr
Colombo, 86 80 clr	San Jose, 84 63 rn
Copenhagen, 71 55 rn	San Juan, 91 81 rn
Coahran, 113 89 clr	San Salvador, 87 69 rn
Dhaka, 90 82 rn	Santiago, 50 35 rn
Dili, 91 75 clr	Sao Paulo, 81 57 pc
Dubai, 104 91 clr	Sapporo, 72 59 rn
Dublin, 67 54 rn	Seoul, 84 66 clr
Frankfurt, 83 66 rn	Singapore, 83 73 rn
Geneva, 78 66 rn	Sofia, 86 55 clr
Guatemala, 68 62 rn	Stockholm, 73 55 pc
Hanoi, 92 80 pc	Sydney, 78 57 rn
Harare, 73 50 clr	Taipei, 95 82 pc
Havana, 91 69 rn	Teiguigalpa, 84 65 pc
Helsinki, 68 56 rn	Tehran, 104 78 clr
Hong Kong, 89 82 clr	Tel Aviv, 93 76 clr
Islamabad, 101 78 clr	Tokyo, 80 71 rn
Istanbul, 85 71 clr	Turin, 83 65 pc
Jakarta, 90 75 rn	Toronto, 69 61 rn
Jerusalem, 93 76 clr	Tunis, 94 68 clr
Johannesburg, 58 39 pc	Valletta, 87 65 clr
Kabul, 91 69 clr	Vancouver, 74 59 clr
Kiev, 79 59 pc	Vienna, 88 60 clr
Kuala Lumpur, 90 73 rn	Warsaw, 81 58 rn
Kuwait, 114 86 clr	Zurich, 78 58 rn

Fronts Trigger Active Weather In Midwest And East

Showers and thunderstorms will persist in the East as a cold front approaches the Coast and a storm system spins just off the Northeast shoreline. Meanwhile, a weather disturbance will drop into the North, producing active weather in the Midwest.

Weather Underground • AP

Friday's U.S. temperatures

City Hi Lo Precip Weather	Casper 90 48 cdy	Erie 75 64 .79 rn	Jacksonville 90 73 cdy	Montgomery 89 73 .05 cdy	Richmond 90 71 cdy	Spokane 94 68 clr
Abilene, Tex. 87 66 .13 rn	Charleston, S.C. 88 71 .72 cdy	Eugene 84 51 cdy	Juneau 54 53 .45 rn	Nashville 76 63 .56 cdy	Roanoke 83 66 1.50 cdy	Springfield, Ill. 80 59 cdy
Akron, Ohio 74 63 .39 rn	Charlotte, N.C. 85 67 .09 cdy	Evansville 71 60 .33 cdy	Kansas City 83 64 cdy	New Orleans 89 75 .10 cdy	Rochester 77 66 .39 rn	Springfield, Mo. 81 59 cdy
Albany, N.Y. 78 66 rn	Charlotte, N.C. 88 70 .61 cdy	Fairbanks 76 56 cdy	Key West 92 84 cdy	New York City 82 71 cdy	Rockford 80 57 cdy	Syracuse 81 65 .01 cdy
Albuquerque 84 67 cdy	Chattanooga 83 70 .02 cdy	Fargo 82 55 cdy	Knoxville 82 69 cdy	Newark 82 72 cdy	Sacramento 91 56 clr	Tallahassee 91 67 cdy
Allentown, Pa. 82 68 cdy	Cheyenne 85 56 cdy	Flagstaff 82 52 .18 cdy	Lake Charles 83 73 .79 cdy	Norfolk, Va. 85 71 .12 cdy	St. Louis 79 63 cdy	Tampa 91 79 cdy
Amarillo 76 52 cdy	Chicago 78 62 cdy	Flint 78 64 .07 rn	Lansing 79 63 2.03 rn	North Platte 85 55 .04 cdy	St. Petersburg 91 80 .36 cdy	Toledo 69 63 .56 rn
Anchorage 68 58 cdy	Cincinnati 68 64 .79 cdy	Fort Smith 87 64 clr	Las Vegas 107 86 .02 cdy	Oklahoma City 89 58 cdy	St. Thomas 89 60 cdy	Topeka 86 60 cdy
Asheville 75 62 .17 cdy	Cleveland 74 64 1.34 rn	Fort Wayne 70 64 .12 cdy	Lexington 71 65 1.09 cdy	Omaha 84 60 clr	Salem, Ore. 84 56 cdy	Tucson 101 81 .01 cdy
Atlanta 84 73 cdy	Colorado Springs 81 55 cdy	Fresno 101 75 clr	Lincoln 88 59 clr	Orlando 93 74 cdy	Salt Lake City 99 71 cdy	Tulsa 87 63 clr
Atlantic City 82 69 rn	Columbia, S.C. 93 70 3.77 cdy	Goodland 88 60 .04 cdy	Little Rock 85 65 clr	Paducah 76 62 .02 cdy	San Angelo 89 67 1.20 rn	Tupelo 82 66 .01 cdy
Austin 102 74 1.10 cdy	Columbus, Ga. 88 72 .02 cdy	Grand Junction 97 64 cdy	Los Angeles 88 68 cdy	Pendleton 100 66 clr	San Antonio 102 78 cdy	Waco 98 75 cdy
Baltimore 87 71 rn	Columbus, Ohio 70 64 .96 cdy	Grand Rapids 81 63 .02 rn	Louisville 72 67 .84 cdy	Peoria 80 62 cdy	San Diego 78 68 cdy	Washington, D.C. 90 72 rn
Baton Rouge 85 72 .08 cdy	Concord, N.H. 75 58 cdy	Great Falls 94 58 clr	Lubbock 69 63 .65 cdy	Philadelphia 86 70 cdy	San Francisco 64 54 cdy	Wichita 87 63 clr
Billings 92 61 clr	Corpus Christi 99 74 cdy	Green Bay 74 53 cdy	Macon 95 66 .01 cdy	Phoenix 107 88 clr	San Jose 73 57 cdy	Wichita Falls 88 67 cdy
Birmingham 84 70 .39 cdy	Dallas-Ft. Worth 90 75 cdy	Greensboro, N.C. 87 70 .12 rn	Madison 75 55 cdy	Pittsburgh 80 66 1.26 rn	San Juan, P.R. 90 81 cdy	Wilkes-Barre 78 67 cdy
Bismarck 83 55 cdy	Dayton 66 63 1.22 cdy	Harrisburg 84 69 .01 rn	Medford 95 64 clr	Pocatello 94 51 clr	Santa Fe 81 58 cdy	Wilmington, Del. 84 69 cdy
Boise 105 74 clr	Daytona Beach 88 74 cdy	Hartford Spgldf 80 65 rn	Memphis 77 65 cdy	Portland, Maine 76 62 cdy	St. Marie 72 60 .01 rn	Yakima 98 72 clr
Boston 78 64 rn	Denver 84 56 cdy	Helena 96 58 clr	Miami Beach 92 81 cdy	Portland, Ore. 82 60 cdy	Savannah 89 73 cdy	Youngstown 78 64 .64 rn
Bridgeport 79 70 rn	Des Moines 84 65 .01 cdy	Honolulu 89 76 .03 cdy	Midland-Odessa 74 65 1.59 cdy	Providence 80 64 rn	Seattle 72 56 cdy	
Brownsville 97 75 clr	Detroit 73 65 .15 rn	Houston 96 75 .44 cdy	Milwaukee 74 58 cdy	Pueblo 88 56 cdy	Shreveport 92 72 cdy	
Buffalo 79 63 .73 rn	Duluth 74 49 .10 cdy	Huntsville 82 65 .02 cdy	Mpls-St Paul 80 62 .24 cdy	Raleigh-Durham 92 72 cdy	Sioux City 84 58 clr	
Burlington, Vt. 74 60 cdy	El Paso 91 72 cdy	Indianapolis 68 64 .20 cdy	Missoula 95 57 clr	Rapid City 87 56 clr	Sioux Falls 82 52 clr	
Caribou, Maine 64 55 .31 cdy	Elkins 79 65 .03 rn	Jackson, Miss. 89 65 .02 clr	Mobile 90 75 .16 cdy	Reno 100 72 cdy	South Bend 77 62 .04 cdy	

National temperature extremes
High: Wed., 122, Death Valley, Calif.
Low: Thurs., 39, Stanley, Idaho



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OPINION

More than one question on CIA plan

By DAVID IGNATIUS

WASHINGTON

When the CIA's alleged assassination program surfaced this month, the first reports focused on what *hadn't* been done: Congress hadn't been briefed, supposedly on orders from Vice President Dick Cheney, and the program hadn't actually resulted in any "hit team" attacks on al-Qaida operatives.

The first failing upset House Democrats, and they demanded an investigation. But the second issue is in some ways more interesting for what it reveals about the bureaucratic and legal culture in which the CIA operates.

The program began soon after Sept. 11, 2001, as part of a broader anti-terrorism effort that had the vivid code name "Canonball." The initial idea at the agency's Counter-Terrorism Center, according to one former top-level official, was to go after al-Qaida operatives around the world and "compromise them, disrupt them, snatch them" and, if necessary, kill them.

The goal was that "every al-Qaida man on the planet should worry that someone is screwing with them, full time," recalls a second former agency official. The CIA wanted to send the message: "If you work for Osama bin Laden, we will find you and come after you."

That's the way spies talk in the movies, but real life is harder. Some al-Qaida targets were working in friendly countries far from the battleground of Afghanistan, where killing was permitted under the rules of war. In such friendly countries, the CIA normally prefers to partner with the local intelligence and security services, because operations can cause a big stink if they go wrong. But CIA officials believed they needed a "unilateral" capability against al-Qaida, which made it very risky.

Then there was the problem of surveillance. "Pulling the trigger is the easy part," says a current official. "First you have to find them."

To gather that intelligence, the CIA needed teams of agents, drawn from foreign countries. A generation ago, former officials say, the CIA had recruited and trained a team of Lebanese agents to assassinate people involved in the 1983 bombings of the U.S. Embassy and Marine barracks in Beirut. There was discussion within the CIA of reviving that capability, or using surrogates from other countries.

These issues were complicated, legally and ethically. A Sept. 17, 2001, covert-action finding had granted broad authority for lethal activity against al-Qaida. But CIA Director George Tenet and his aides, after exploring the options, decided the unilateral assassination program wouldn't work. Recalls one former agency official: "We didn't think it was practical. We looked at it and said, 'We're not doing this.'"

Meanwhile, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was exploring what Special Forces troops could do in friendly countries. The Pentagon developed a plan whose public name was "Military Liaison Elements," which would station abroad operatives drawn from Special Operations Command. The State Department, fearing a flap, protested loudly, and the program was scaled back. Operatives were sent to embassies, but they worked, in effect, as "SOCOM attaches" performing nonlethal missions and not as hit teams, according to a knowledgeable official.

The CIA program had been shelved by Tenet, but it was revived under his successor, Porter Goss. And it was renewed, once more, under the next CIA director, Gen. Michael Hayden. The aim during Hayden's watch was to focus on the surveillance capability, with the understanding that it "could develop into something else" if targets were identified, according to one former official. This official says Hayden had only two or three meetings about the program, the last in spring 2008.

Enter Leon Panetta, the new CIA director. After settling in, he was briefed by the Counter-Terrorism Center on the assassination idea and was concerned. In the

years since 2001, explains a government official, "money was spent, agents were recruited, teams were trained, people were deployed." Panetta sensed that the program had a "troubled history," and that although nobody had been killed, there had been "one pretty red-faced flap" when an operation went wrong, this official says.

Panetta is said to have asked two questions: Had Congress been briefed, and had the program been valuable? The answer to both questions from CIA counter-terrorism officials was "no." So Panetta decided in late June to stop the program, pending a further review, and to brief Congress about it.

The House Intelligence Committee is now preparing its investigation. I hope they will focus on both sides of Panetta's question: Why wasn't Congress briefed on this idea for a global squeeze on al-Qaida, and why didn't it work?

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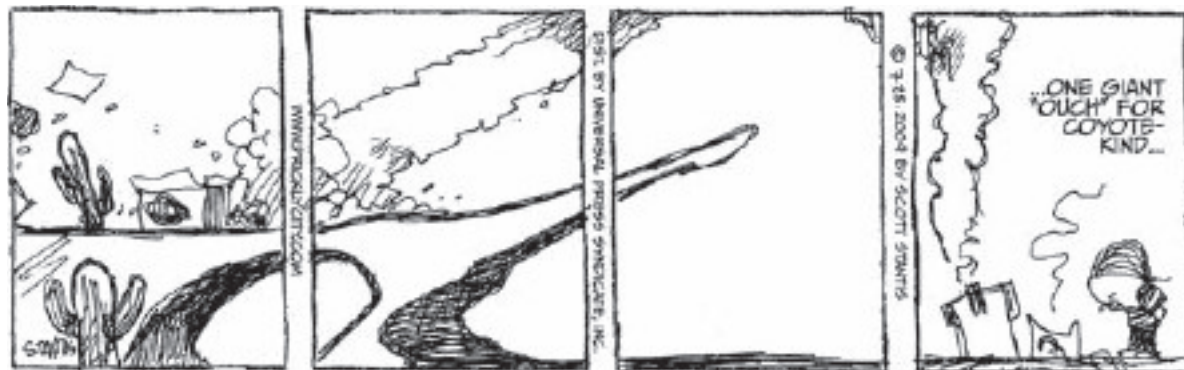
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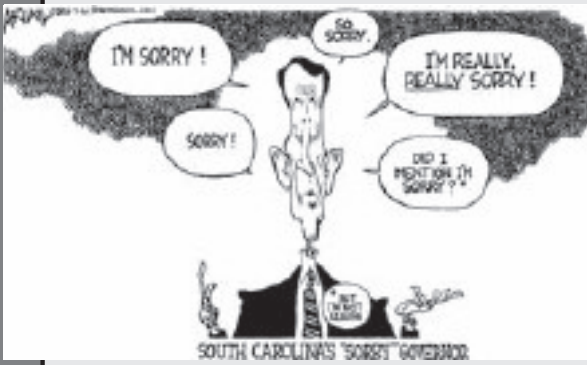
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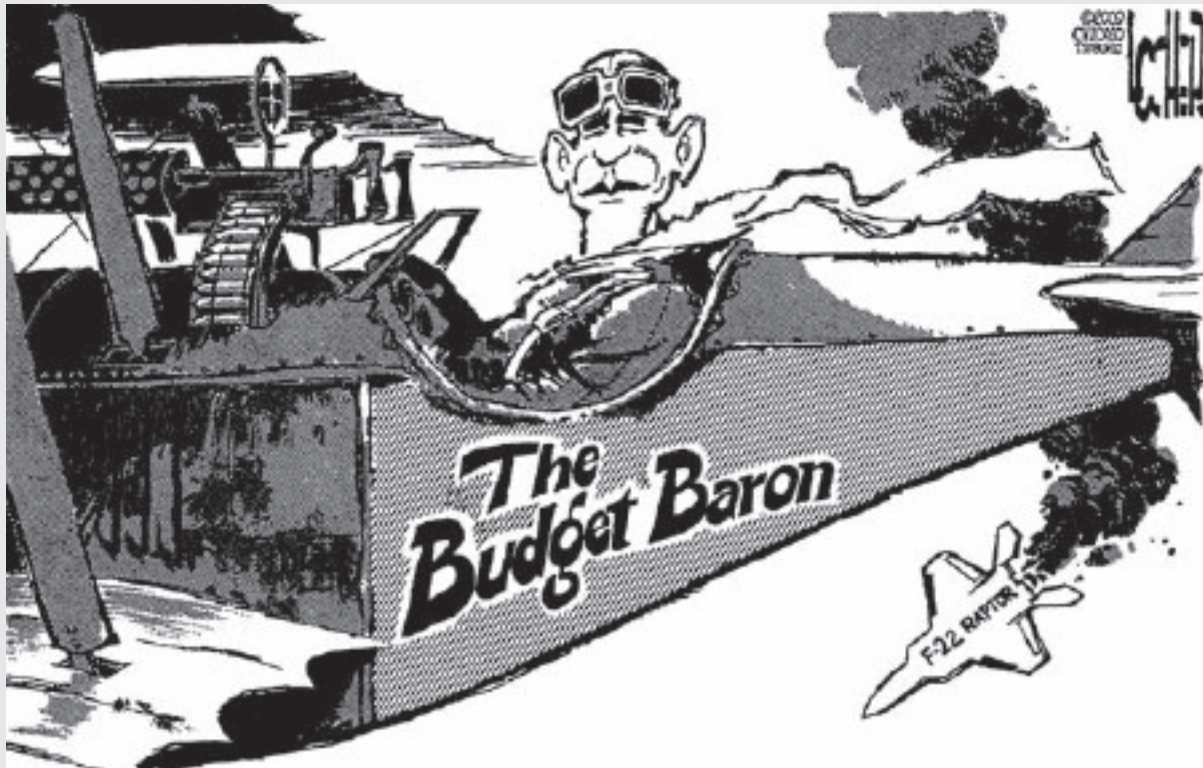
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Pier is dock site for future ferry

NY NEW YORK — A former New York City cargo pier will be the future site of a water taxi dock that will also provide direct ferry service between Brooklyn Bridge Park and Governors Island.

Officials say the dock will be built on the site of Port Authority's Brooklyn Heights cargo pier six, which ceased operations in 1983.

Park planners say the urban oasis will eventually expand to include 85 acres of inaccessible land along Brooklyn's waterfront and will stretch just over a mile long.

Dead shark left in Miami street after failed sale

FL MIAMI — The body of a shark was left lying in the middle of a Miami street after two men apparently tried to sell it to several fish markets.

Live news footage showed the dead animal in the street with police officers and cruisers nearby. Two stations reported that a pair of men had tried to sell the animal to at least three fish markets for around \$10.

Rob Orta, an employee at Casablanca Fish Market, tells Miami station WSVN that the men offered his business the shark, which was about five feet long.

"But we don't buy sharks off the street," Orta told the station.

Cause of fire at egg plant deemed accidental

TX FARWELL — Federal, state and local investigators have concluded an accidental cause to a fire that devastated a large High Plains egg production plant.

A statement issued by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives says investigators determined that a welder's torch accidentally started the fire.

The July 9 fire at the Cal-Maine Foods plant in Farwell killed an estimated 800,000 chickens and destroyed four of nine laying houses at the complex.

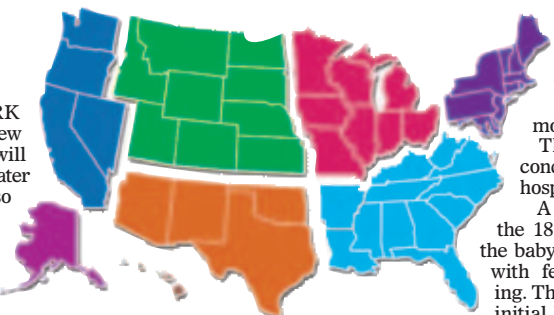
Native American site torn apart for fill dirt

AL OXFORD — Bucket loaders and bulldozers are tearing apart a hill that researchers call the foundation of an ancient Native American site to provide fill dirt for a Sam's Club store, a move that appalls preservationists.

Tribal advocates and state officials say a large stone mound that tops the 200-foot rise was put there a millennium ago by Indians during a religious observance. It is similar to rock mounds found up and down the Eastern Seaboard, historians say, and likely dates to Indians of the Woodlands period that ended in 1000 A.D.

"It's just heartbreaking," said Elizabeth Ann Brown of the Alabama Historical Commission. "I find it hard to believe that for fill dirt anyone would do this."

Despite a city-commissioned study that found tribal artifacts in the red clay that makes up the mound, Oxford Mayor Leon Smith denies the work by the city is damaging anything important. He said



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the stones atop the hill are a natural part of what locals call Signal Mountain and were exposed by millions of years of erosion.

"It's the ugliest old hill in the world," said Smith, who has overseen a mushrooming of big-box stores in this east Alabama city of 15,000 during his seven terms as mayor.

Woman found dead at food processing plant

CA INDUSTRY — A 40-year-old woman has been found dead in a machine at a Southern California food processing plant that is a major supplier for McDonald's restaurants.

Los Angeles County sheriff's detectives say the woman's body was found at Golden State Foods in the City of Industry, an east Los Angeles suburb. Investigators believe her death was accidental.

No other details were given about her death or about the woman except that she was an employee.

The Irvine-based company has distribution centers across the nation. Its Web site says the company supplies McDonald's and developed the sauce for the restaurant's Big Mac in the 1960s.

3 accused of letting rats chew toes off Ohio baby

OH WAVERLY — Three people have been accused of letting rats bite a 6-week-old girl and chew off her toes at their cluttered Ohio mobile home.

Pike County prosecutor Rob Junk says the baby's toes on one

foot were gone when sheriff's deputies went to the home after receiving an anonymous tip.

The baby is in fair condition at a Columbus hospital.

A married couple and the 18-year-old boyfriend of the baby's mother are charged with felony child endangering. They were in court for an initial hearing and are jailed pending a plea hearing.

The prosecutor says they all lived in the mobile home west of Piketon, a village noted for its old uranium enrichment plant.

He says the baby's mother is a juvenile. He won't identify her or say if she'll be charged.

Naked Cowboy prepares to run for mayor

NY NEW YORK — The Naked Cowboy vows to run a transparent campaign as he prepares to toss his hat into the ring for mayor of New York City.

The 38-year-old Robert Burck has established a popular platform in Times Square as the Naked Cowboy. He does a brisk business posing for pictures with tourists, clad only in a cowboy hat, boots and white briefs with a guitar strapped to his bare chest.

The aspiring candidate's chief rival is incumbent Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who is seeking a third term.

Suspect in deputies' shooting caught

CA LOS ANGELES — Authorities say a fugitive from the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list suspected of spraying automatic weapons fire at two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies nearly nine years ago is in custody in Mexico.

FBI and sheriff's officials said in a news release that reputed gang member Emigdio Preciado Jr. was arrested in Mexico and FBI agents there verified his identity. FBI officials would not give further details on the arrest.

The 39-year-old Preciado has been wanted since the Sept. 5, 2000, attack in Whittier, in which Deputy Michael Schaap was shot in the face and badly wounded. He has since recovered. His partner escaped uninjured.

Preciado also was wanted on a federal charge of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Biker to be arraigned on reckless driving charge

NY NEW YORK — Authorities say a motorcyclist with a suspended license is in double trouble after going an estimated 120 mph down the Long Island Expressway.

The Bronx resident is being arraigned in Central Islip.

He was pulled over on a ramp in Shirley, N.Y. Sheriff's deputies had decided against a prolonged chase because of the danger.

The chief of staff for the Suffolk County sheriff's office says some motorcycles can reach 150 mph. Michael Sharkey says law enforcers don't want to go that fast — but they can, if absolutely necessary.

The biker is charged with reckless driving, aggravated unlicensed driving and unlawful fleeing.



Carpenter at work

A carpenter bee collects pollen from a flower in Cincinnati.



Farm fresh tech

Gary Koetz is framed by a tractor tire as he arranges a product display at the 2009 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days event in Waterloo, Wis. The 56th annual, three-day exposition is expected to draw tens of thousands of visitors to the gathering at the Crave Brothers Farm.



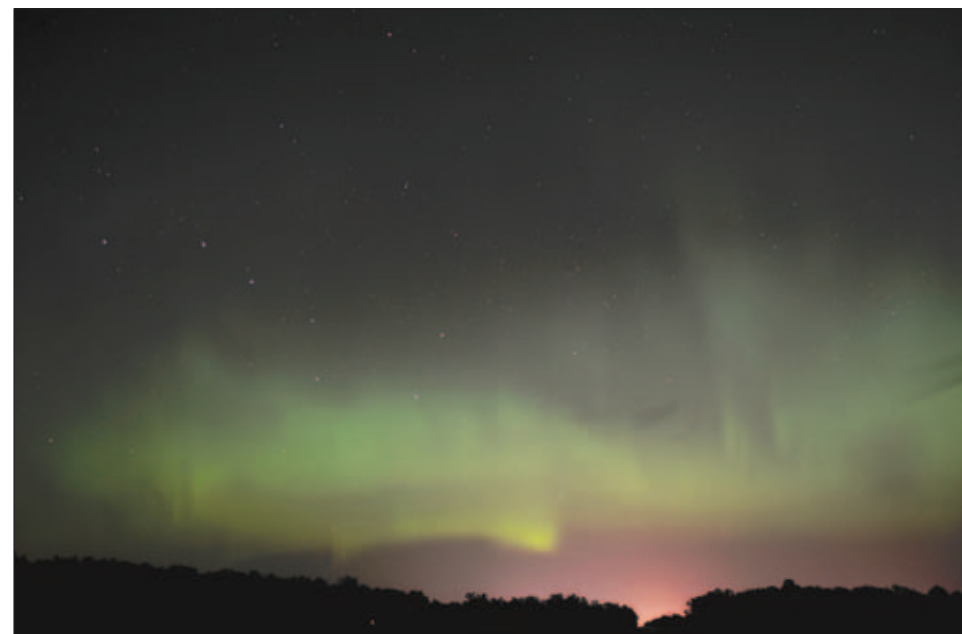
Catch of the day

An adult osprey flies across Lake Arrowhead in Milton, Vt., with a freshly caught fish in its left talons



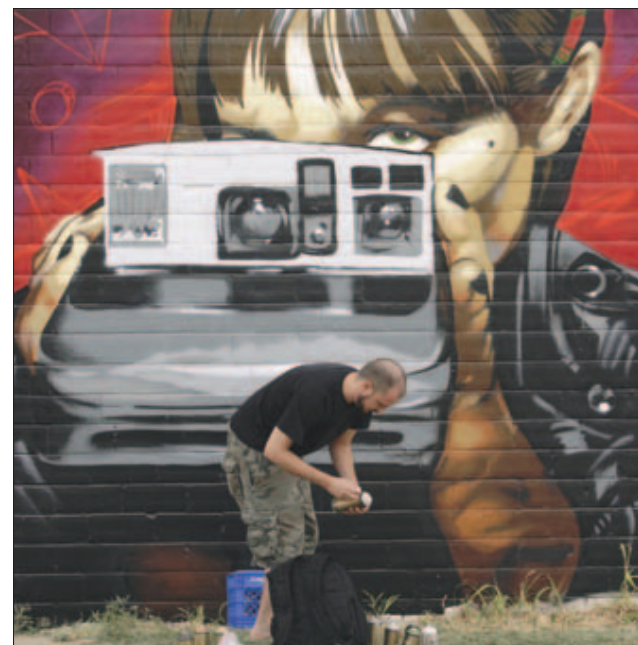
Hay raker

A farmer rakes freshly cut hay in a field in Barre Town, Vt.



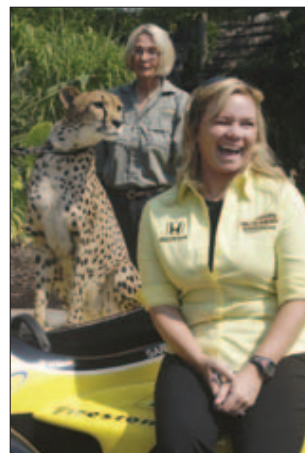
Night lights

The aurora borealis, commonly referred to as the northern lights, dance across the sky over Bemidji, Minn., during early morning hours.



Picture in picture

Graphic artist Blake Bermel, 31, selects a can of paint as he applies finishing touches to one of his pieces of legal aerosol graffiti in Austin, Texas.



Fast Sarahs

Race driver Sarah Fisher winks as she sits on her Indy racing car as Cathryn Hilker watches Sarah the cheetah at the Cincinnati Zoo. Sarah the cheetah will race a cheetah from South Africa at the Kentucky Speedway to try and break a speed record for mammals set at the track by another cheetah in 2000.



Evening ride

A bicyclist and a woman on a kick-scooter take advantage of the evening sun in Marshfield, Wis.

Ex-senator due to be released from prison

RI CRANSTON — A former Rhode Island state senator at the center of a federal corruption investigation is set to be released from prison.

John Celona is scheduled to be freed from the state prison in Cranston. He was granted parole last month.

Corrections Department spokeswoman Tracey Zeckhausen said Celona would be fitted with an electronic monitoring device following his release.

Celona has admitted doing the Statehouse bidding of several health care corporations. He reached plea deals on both state and federal charges, and cooperated with investigators to win a lighter prison sentence.

Oakland approves tax on medical marijuana

CA OAKLAND — Oakland residents overwhelmingly voted Tuesday to approve a first-of-its kind tax on medical marijuana sold at the city's four cannabis dispensaries.

The dispensary tax was one of four measures in a vote-by-mail special election aimed at raising money for the cash-strapped city. All four measures won, but Measure F had the highest level of support.

Scheduled to take effect on New Year's Day, the measure created a special business tax rate for the pot clubs, which now pay the same \$1.20 for every \$1,000 in gross sales applied to all retail businesses. The new rate will be \$18.

Oakland's auditor estimates that based on annual sales of \$17.5 million for the four clubs, it will generate an estimated \$294,000 for city coffers in its first year.

Watergate Hotel fails to attract any bidders

DC WASHINGTON — The Watergate Hotel, part of the complex made famous by a presidential scandal, has failed to attract any bids at auction and has been taken back by the lender that holds the \$40 million note on it.

PB Capital Corp. took back the property after bidding opened at \$25 million and there were no takers. The 30-day foreclosure notice, sent to hotel owner Monument Realty, expired.

Paul Cooper, vice president of the auction house, Alex Cooper Auctioneers, said about 10 bidders had registered for the auction and each gave a \$1 million deposit.

The Watergate complex was made famous by the 1972 burglary that led to President Richard Nixon's resignation.

Fort Hood soldier shot, killed at party on post

TX FORT HOOD — Fort Hood officials have a soldier behind bars after another soldier was shot and killed at a party on the Central Texas Army post.

They say 30-year-old Spc. Ryan Richard Schlack of Oshkosh, Wis., died. The Killeen Daily Herald reports he was hit by a bullet another soldier fired into a crowd on the lawn.

Fort Hood spokesman Bruce Zielsdorf says the soldier suspected of firing the gun is in custody, but

it's unclear if he's been charged.

Schlack entered the military in 2004 as a computer detection systems repairer and arrived at Fort Hood in 2005. He was assigned to the 27th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

More than 300 JROTC compete in challenge

VA FORT EUSTIS — More than 300 junior reserve cadets from across Virginia are competing in a leadership challenge.

The annual Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Cadet Leadership Challenge Mountain tests cadets on their athletic, navigation, team work and other abilities.

The U.S. Army says 317 cadets are enrolled in the challenge at Fort Eustis.

Shelters for pets, people highlighted

HI HONOLULU — State officials are highlighting the availability of emergency shelters for pets and for people with special medical needs.

Gov. Linda Lingle visited a school near the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu where both types of shelters could be established in the case of a hurricane, earthquake or similar disaster.

Statewide, 55 shelters for dogs, cats, birds and other household animals have been designated.

There are 158 shelters pinpointed around the state for persons who do not require hospitalization but who need special medical attention.

Man arrested in shooting of lobsterman

ME MATINICUS — Police have arrested a 77-year-old lobsterman in connection with the shooting of a fellow lobsterman on Maine's Matinicus island.

Police say that lobster fishing was at the heart of a dispute between the two men.

They say Chris Young of Matinicus was shot in the neck on a dock in the fishing community 20 miles off Rockland. He taken to a mainland hospital, where he underwent surgery and was in stable condition.

The Bangor Daily News reports Vance Bunker was arrested and was being held at the Knox County Jail. Police seized a .22-caliber handgun from him.

Same-name couple to wed after online meeting

FL MIAMI — This October, Kelly Hildebrandt will vow to share her life with a man who already shares her name.

This is not a joke. Kelly Katrina Hildebrandt, 20, and Kelly Carl Hildebrandt, 24, expect just over 100 guests to attend a ceremony at the Lighthouse Point Yacht & Racquet Club in South Florida, where they will become husband and wife.

Their modern romance was a match made in cyberspace. She was curious and bored one night last year, so she plugged her name into the popular social networking Web site Facebook just to see if anyone shared it.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

During this Virgo moon, many will have the sneaking suspicion that things are going to go their way — and they'll be right. Diligent efforts and elbow grease are the magic ingredients of success. In life, we often have to wait to see the fruits of our effort, but right now, that's not the case. It's quite satisfying to see progress as we work.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(JULY 25). You develop a strong relationship with yourself this year and will sometimes prefer to walk a solo path to increase your connection to spirit. The deep well of power within you helps you make remarkable changes. August brings love. September brings a pay increase. Seeing new places in November leads to more business. Aries and Libra adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You can't do everything you want to do, probably because your expectation was more ambitious than you realized. Now that you know what is entailed, you can make a more reasonable plan.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You feel how you feel. You're not going to change that by telling yourself that you shouldn't feel that way. Revel in (or wallow in) your emotions. Let them come freely out and through you without judging yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You will enjoy the company of an adventurous person. Be careful not to get so caught up in the swirl of excitement that you confuse what you want out of a relationship with what the other person is offering you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

If you fall slightly short of your aim, you will keep working until you hit the mark. Your work will ideally be spiritual, as well as mental and physical. Keep at it and you are guaranteed success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Getting

organized will be a high priority. Refuse to work on anything but getting your own life in order. Friends and family will understand. Clean house, play music and dance around.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Be careful not to dismiss the social and occupational tasks ahead of you as "routine." Inside a seemingly dull responsibility will be a unique opportunity to propagate your message or move a project forward.

Holiday Mathis



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Practice a skill and you'll reach new levels of mastery. Either you'll be given an incentive to push beyond your former limit, or you'll find your own powerful reason to excel.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

It feels like you're on a one-person team that doesn't even have a cheering squad. Maybe someone close is not being supportive enough, but the truth is that you need to start supporting yourself better, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You'll be charmed and disarmed — but only to the extent that you want to be. No one can make you do or feel what you don't want to do or feel. You are completely in control.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Luck springs from ordinary arrangements. What looks on the surface to be a very common and uninteresting arrangement will turn out to be a source of great entertainment, excitement and wealth.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You'll deftly handle the difficult people. You calm the angry and bring unreasonable folks down to earth. Passive-aggressive types will drop the antics and deal squarely with you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Compliance and submission are not the same thing. You go with the flow, not because you are weak but because you realize that when you all work together in the same direction, the result is magnificent.

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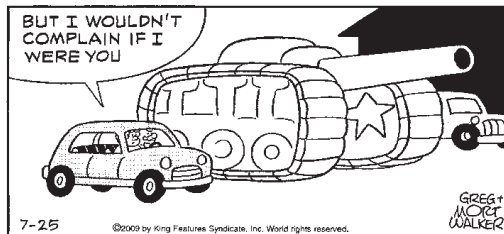
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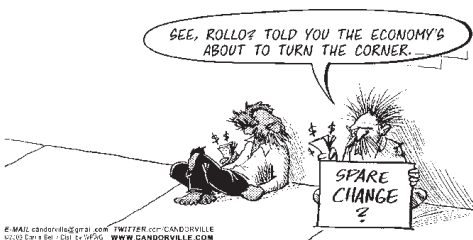
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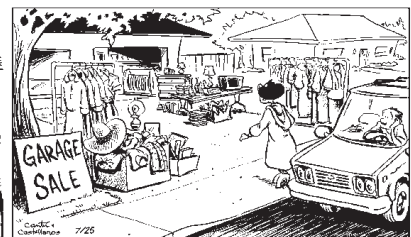
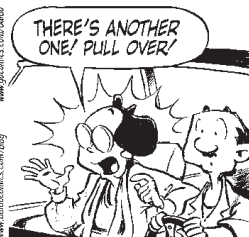
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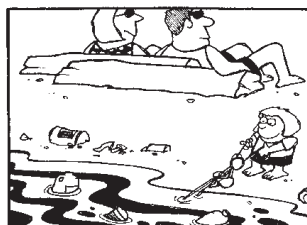
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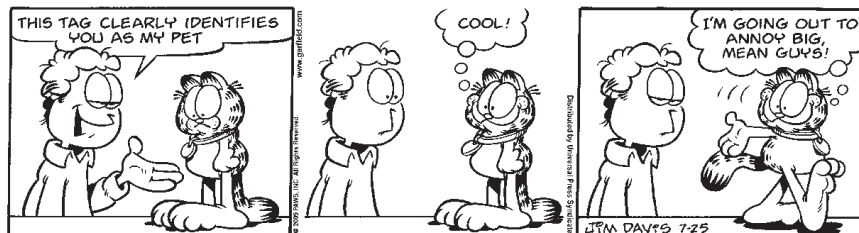
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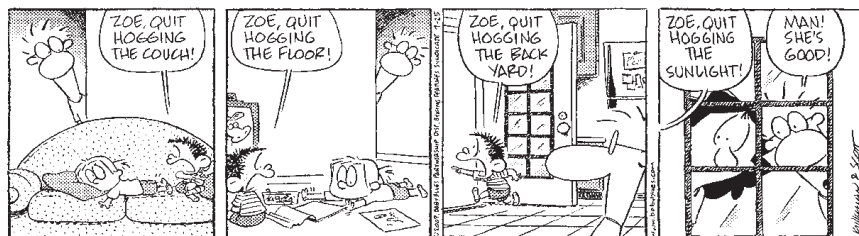
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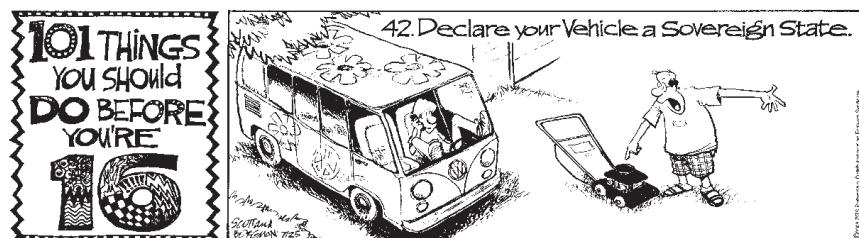
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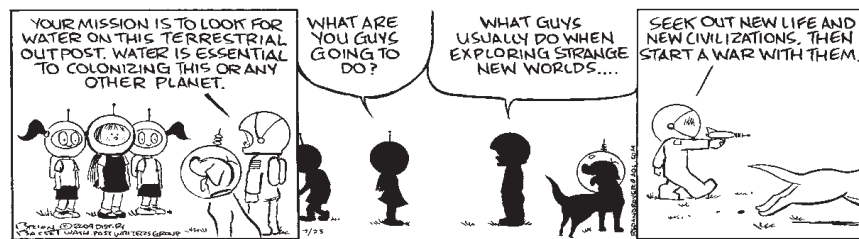
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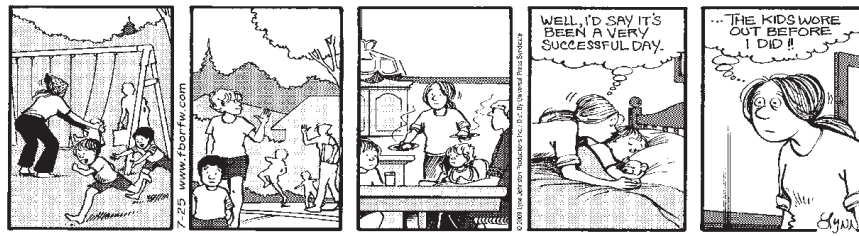
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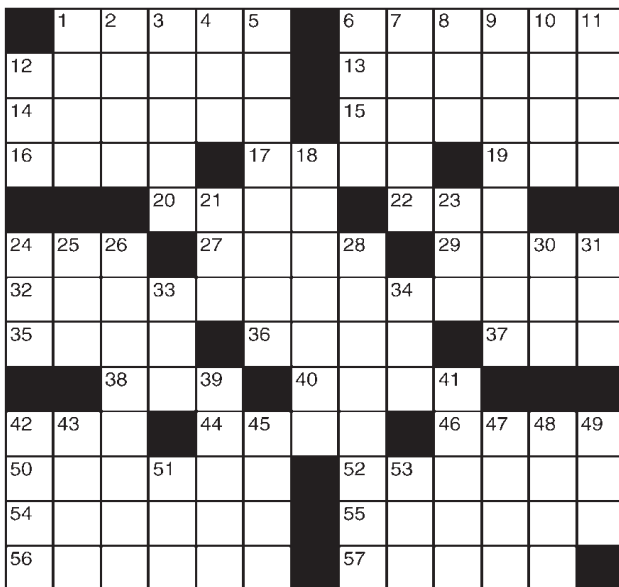
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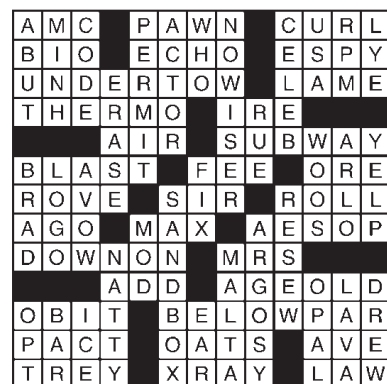
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- 6 Refuse receptacle
- 12 Carriage type
- 13 Idle
- 14 Connective land areas
- 15 Coypu
- 16 Old woman's home?
- 17 Goblet feature
- 19 — es Salaam
- 20 Get up
- 22 Expert
- 24 Tank filler
- 27 Actress Sorvino
- 29 Declare openly
- 32 Special
- 35 Unembellished
- 36 Affirmative actions
- 37 Born
- 38 Recede
- 40 Tears
- 42 Owns
- 44 Badly needing a map
- 46 Goldbrick
- 50 Formal expulsion
- 52 Tristan's love
- 54 "Summer Nights" show
- 55 Sight
- 56 Cruelty
- 57 Group character

DOWN

- 1 Impetuous
- 2 Not fooled by
- 3 Leading man in the theater
- 4 Huck's pal
- 5 Effluvium
- 6 Top-notch
- 7 Baffle
- 8 Smack
- 9 Variety of leather
- 10 One side of the Urals
- 11 Approach
- 12 Towel designation
- 18 Fright inducers
- 21 "— Yankee ..."
- 23 Took charge of
- 24 Prized possession
- 25 Do some downsizing
- 26 Emphasized
- 28 Extra ingredient
- 30 Mined-over matter
- 31 Ex-zee connector
- 33 C.S.A. soldier
- 34 WWW access enabler
- 39 Sanctify
- 41 Wade through mud
- 42 Swine
- 43 Atmosphere
- 45 Utah city
- 47 Hodgepodge
- 48 Big bothers
- 49 Swamp
- 51 — chi
- 53 Command to Fido

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2009									
	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch	(2:53) Movie "One Fine Day" (1996, Romance-Comedy) Michelle Pfeiffer, George Clooney, Mae Whitman.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty Battleground	How Do I Look?	SportsCenter	(2:00) Sports
15:30		The Brady Bunch							
16:00	The View	Movie "Phantom of the Megaplex" (2000) Taylor Handley, Jacob Smith.	Behind the Scenes	Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Army Newswatch EXchange on Air	Lost Worlds "Knights Templar" The city of Tortosa.	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30				Tavis Smiley					
17:00	Dr. Phil		The Big Tease	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30		SpongeBob SquarePants		Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Punk'd
18:00	Judge Alex	Robot Boy	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Today's Air Force	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30	The King of Queens	Kim Possible	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	All Hands TV	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	Unfabulous	Movie "Marie Antoinette" (2006) Kirsten Dunst.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Wildlife"	Briefing Encore	Scrubs		National Heads-Up Poker Championship From Las Vegas.
19:30	Judge Judy	True Jackson, VP	An account of the life of France's ill-fated queen.	Today	CSI: Miami "Cheating Death"	Fit For Duty	My Name Is Earl		
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Sonny With a Chance				Battleground	Chuck "Chuck Versus the Delorean"		
20:30		Wizards of Waverly Place				Recon Revisited			
21:00	General Hospital	Wildfire Kris promises Junior a date.	(15:15) Movie "K-19: The Widowmaker" (2002) Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson. A nuclear reactor malfunctions aboard a Russian submarine.	Today	Big Brother 11	Around the Services	Brothers & Sisters "A Father Dreams"		
21:30						Pacific Report			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Heroes "Parasite"		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Hamptons"	Sports	The Best Damn Sports Show Period
22:30						All Hands TV	Friends		Attack of the Show!
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Stuck in the Middle With You"	(27) MovieK-9 (1989)	Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Today's Air Force	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		
SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2009									
00:00	Wheel of Fortune	Unfabulous	(11:27) Movie "K-9" (1989, Comedy) James Belushi, Mel Harris, Kevin Tighe.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	Recon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	True Jackson, VP			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty	Scrubs		Punk'd
1:00	Headline News	Sonny With a Chance		Happening Now		The Grill Sergeants	My Name Is Earl	Sports	The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Wizards of Waverly Place	(17) Movie "The Wedding Singer" (1998) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore.	Newsroom	Judge Judy	Around the Services	Desperate Housewives "What Would We Do Without You?"		Family Guy "Brian in Love"
2:00	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Wildlife"	Wildfire "The Claiming Race" Kris promises Junior a date.			CSI: NY "Night, Mother"	Downrange	The American Veteran		National Heads-Up Poker Championship From Las Vegas.
2:30						EXchange on Air	Third Watch "Duty"	Sports	
3:00	CSI: Miami "Cheating Death"	Heroes "Parasite"	(05) Movie "Marie Antoinette" (2006, Historical Drama) Kirsten Dunst, Jason Schwartzman, Judy Davis. An account of the life of France's ill-fated queen.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	State Dept Briefing			
3:30						Battleground	Seinfeld "The Hamptons"		
4:00	Big Brother 11	7th Heaven Lucy must choose between two boyfriends.		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Around the Services	Friends	College Football Live	
4:30						This Week in the Pentagon	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	The Best Damn Sports Show Period
5:00	Headline News	Barney & Friends	(20) Movie "K-19: The Widowmaker" (2002) Harrison Ford. A nuclear reactor malfunctions aboard a Russian submarine.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Good Morning America	National Guard News	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
5:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Oobi		Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	Easy Entertaining	Around the Horn	
6:00		Sesame Street				Around the Services	Ace of Cakes	Pardon the Interruption	
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	My Friend Rabbit				Briefing Encore	Ultimate Goals	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:00						Downrange			
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Clifford's Puppy Days	(32) Movie "Out of Africa" (1985, Romance) Meryl Streep, Robert Redford, Klaus Maria Brandauer. Based on Isak Dinesen's account of her plantation life.	Around the Services	Dragon	Recon Revisited	Storm Chasers "Hail to the Beast"		
8:00		Ni Hao, Kai-lan		NBC Nightly News	Ribert & Robert's	Fit For Duty	Clean House	Sports	Sports
8:30	Judge Judy	Mickey Mouse Clubhouse		World News-Gibson	Sonic the Hedgehog	Around the Services	MythBusters Car stereotypes.		
9:00	CSI: NY "Night, Mother"	Sid the Science Kid		CBS Evening News	Danny Phantom	State Dept Briefing			
9:30		Phineas and Ferb		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Entertainment Studios.com	Fit For Duty	Dirty Jobs "Dairy Cow Midwife"		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	The Buzz on Maggie		Hannity	Criss Angel Mindfreak	AFN Europe Report	Latin Lifestyles		
10:30		American Dragon: Jake Long			MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Colorado Rockies. From Coors Field in Denver. (Live)	This Week in the Pentagon	Urban Style		
11:00	Dr. Phil	My Life as a Teenage Robot	(10:50) Movie "Jubal" (1956, Western) Glenn Ford, Ernest Borgnine. A drifter finds trouble in the form of a rancher's wife.	Anderson Cooper 360		Fit For Duty	Designed to Sell		
11:30		Static Shock				Battleground	Tyler's Ultimate		
12:00	CBS Evening News	Teen Kids News		Special Report With Bret Baier	Dogfights "Hunt for the Bismarck" German battleship.	Around the Services	The Next Food Network Star "Wood Fire Grill Challenge"	SportsCenter	Sports
12:30	ESPN	Grossology				Fit For Duty	Eureka An aging scientist must stop a catastrophe.	SportsCenter	
13:00	NBC Nightly News	Out There	(12:49) Movie "Commando" (1985, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Rae Dawn Chong.	Campbell Brown	Access Hollywood	Fit For Duty	Stargate Atlantis McKay save the team from a volcano.		
13:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals				Recon	King of the Hill		
14:00	Dragon	Faithful Friends		Your World With Neil Cavuto	Deadliest Catch The Time Bandit finds its ice pack.	Recon Revisited	That '70s Show		
14:30	Ribert & Robert's	Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files		The Rachel Maddow Show	Law & Order "Good Faith"	Army Newswatch	The King of Queens		
15:00	Sonic the Hedgehog	Animal Miracles "Wrinkles"		Around the Services		Fit For Duty	Everybody Loves Raymond		
15:30	Danny Phantom			Tavis Smiley		Fit For Duty	My Boys "Friends of Friends"		
16:00	Naruto	SpongeBob SquarePants		Nightly Business Report	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Lucas Family"	Battleground	How I Met Your Mother	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30	Darcy's Wild Life	SpongeBob SquarePants		The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Fit For Duty	The Unit "Inquisition"		Top 20 Countdown
17:00	Entertainment Studios.com	Bindi the Jungle Girl		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	ESPN	The Grill Sergeants	Prison Break T-Bag starts to figure out Whistler's code.		Top 20 Countdown
17:30	Criss Angel Mindfreak	Lemur Kingdom		Today	Law & Order "Bailout"	Fit For Duty	Saturday Night Live		ECW
18:00	Dogfights "Hunt for the Bismarck" German battleship.	The Universe Searching for extraterrestrial life.			Leverage "The Snow Job"	Battleground			WWE SmackDown!
18:30						Ballad and Beyond			
19:00	Access Hollywood	So You Think You Can Dance Top eight dancers perform.				All Hands TV			
19:30						Pacific Report			
20:00	Deadliest Catch The Time Bandit finds its ice pack.					Army Newswatch			
20:30						Today's Air Force			
21:00	Law & Order "Good Faith"	Dawson's Creek "Baby"	(05) Movie "Blue Crush" (2002) Kate Bosworth, Matthew Davis. A young woman prepares for a big surfing contest.	MSNBC Live	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	Recon			
21:30						The Benning Report			
22:00	Law & Order "Bailout"	Movie "Fantastic Four" (2005, Action) Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba. Cosmic radiation grants four people unusual powers.							
22:30									
23:00	Leverage "The Snow Job"	Movie "Blue Streak" (1999, Comedy) Martin Lawrence.		Bulls and Bears	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back				
23:30				Cavuto on Business					
SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009									
00:00	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	The Simpsons	(11:05) Movie "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence.	Forbes on FOX	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Annihilated"	FNG Useful benefits.	(11:30) Austin City Limits	(10:00) Sports	Top 20 Countdown
00:30		The Simpsons		Cashin' In	Bones "Titan on the Tracks"	Fit For Duty	Keeping Up-Kardashians		
1:00	Sports	So You Think You Can Dance Top eight dancers perform.		Newsroom		Around the Services	Wife Swap "Sundstrom/Tower"		Top 20 Countdown
1:30				Your Money	House "Spin"	Around the Services	Boston Legal "New Kids on the Block"		Sports
2:00						Around the Services	Judging Amy "The Claw Is Our Master"		
2:30						First Air Force Now			
3:00						Battleground	Austin City Limits "Guster; Los Lonely Boys"		
3:30						National Guard News			
4:00						This Week in the Pentagon			
4:30						The Benning Report			
5:00	Sports	Barney & Friends	(45) Movie "Blue Crush" (2002, Drama) Kate Bosworth, Matthew Davis.	Newsroom	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back				
5:30		Oobi							

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Yokosuka - 1994 Toyota Estima Van/JCI & Base Insp. til 2011, mini fridge/hot box, ceiling mounted fold out color TV w/Remote, sun & moon roof, great A/C & heat, parking sensor, excellent condition. Must transfer by 7-31-09. Call 080-6684-4170 or 315-246-8655. \$2500

Yokosuka - 1995 Cadillac Eldorado, Great shape, very well maintained! Fully optioned! \$4,000 original! Best reasonable offer. Call Scott at 080-1373-2360.

Yokosuka - 1997 Nissan Bluebird, JCI good until Oct. 2010, 2DR engine, 52K (3.3K Miles), brakes, struts replaced. \$1850 OBO. Contact Woody 090-4173-3973/243-6106.

Yokosuka - 1994 Toyota Estima - JCI until Nov. 2009. Oil changed, realignment is done. A/C works asking \$900 OBO. Please contact Anissa 246-8894 / 090-4221-5918 or Geri 246-5938 / 080-3340-8214

Yokota - \$1,000 buys a 1996 Toyota Ipsum. Awesome dual AC, iPod ready with great stereo, seats 6, fabulous "Vegas-like" interior that absorbs child droppings. JCI till next year. Call Tim at 090-3684615 (Yokota). Available July 25th.

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Yokota, Japan - 1991 Toyota Estima (4-Wheel Drive) PCS 1 Aug PCSing 1 Aug 09 (Very Negotiable) Need to sell as soon as possible Dropped the price from \$2100 & will drop further, just call me! Mechanically sound! Seats 7 Sonar sensors on 4 corners of vehicle Good Tires Air Conditioner compressor replaced 7 months ago (Air is very cold in this hot WX!) Console cooler/fice maker Sun Roof x2 the van has been a great runner! You will be very happy with the value! JCI until Feb. 2010 asking \$1400 negotiable Please call 1-763-354-3512 or email tom_n_ana@hotmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1994 Toyota Exiv Road Tax Paid. JCI expires Feb 11, asking \$800. Car runs outstanding, some minor blemishes. Drove this all over Japan and back and forth to Narita without any problems. Very dependable. Seats 5. Car is ready to be sold immediately. Call 1-313-347-0276 for more info

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Yokota, Japan - 1992 Subaru Legacy Wagon, runs fine, JCI to Sept. 29th Best use as a temporary short term vehicle. runs fine, A/C, music, seats 5, rear seat folds down. Why so cheap? Just had JCI inspection and will need \$400-\$500 of work to pass next JCI (on-base price, maybe half that (on-base)). Recycle tax already paid. Road tax paid. Can use for a temporary car, then junk. At junking, you can get back the remaining Road tax, which should be over \$100. Could fix up, but wouldn't recommend it, won't pass due to oil leaks, tires at minimum, etc. We are about to travel and want to take care of this in the next few days. If no response, we'll junk it ourselves shortly; just thought someone could use it for temporary transportation. Please email yokotajoe88@yahoo.com. Thanks for viewing!

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Mazda Miata, 5000 silver/gray in color, 4door, new tires, runs good, A/C works, just needs to be recharged. Road tax and recycling tax paid. JCI good till Aug 2010. Miles 67764-km. Available July 28. Give deposit we will hold for you. Contact Jennifer 240-845-5319

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Mitsubishi Lancer MX Great investment. Smoke free. Power locks and windows. Automatic 4 doors. Very standard. Big trunk. JCI is good for 2 years exp. Date March 2011. Road tax is paid. Asking \$2000.00 or best offer. Please call David or Jennifer 7134900555

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Zama - 1998 Honda Odyssey Van, JCI: 6 June 2011. Leather exterior, TV, navigational unit. Excellent condition. Available immediately. \$2,000.00. 080-5688-0996/263-8976. mckee@yokota.af.mil

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Yokota, Japan - 91 Toyota Estima Very reliable Great van for family trips around Japan, cool hot drink box with icemaker, captain chairs - swivel for easy conversation, power windows/locks, sunroof, moon-roof, AC/heat front & rear, new tires (4 xs), sonar sensor, AM/FM cassette JCI until June 10 Asking \$2100 OBO Call now - 623-734-9625

Yokota, Japan - 95 Toyota Mark II Silver, 90K km runs great. Serious offers only call Eric 717-265-2635. JCI until July 2011 asking \$1750 Please call 090-4277-5269 or email esndrs49@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 95 Toyota Window - In good shape! Only 111,300 km on it Good for a family. 6 Disc, CD changer, 4 door, Power Sunroof, Road Tax Paid, New JCI, 17inch alloy wheels, low profile tires, cold AC, bought from dealer off-base, well kept, clean interior, clean title, power windows and locks, low miles, serviced on schedule. Good gas mileage. Ready to be driven around Japan. JCI until June 2011 asking \$2500 Call 305-520-0368 or email j.swans@msn.com

Yokota, Japan - 96 Acura Inspire 63k miles new JCI-price cut Clean and reliable call New Tires, 6 Disc, CD changer, 4 door, Power Sunroof, Road Tax Paid, New JCI, 17inch alloy wheels, low profile tires, COLD AC, originally bought from dealer off-base, well kept, clean interior, clean title, power windows and locks, low miles, serviced on schedule. Good gas mileage. Ready to be driven around Japan. JCI until June 2011 asking \$2500 Call 305-520-0368 or email j.swans@msn.com

Yokota, Japan - 96 Acura Inspire 63K JCI June 2011 maculate car Metallic Forest Green, New Tires, 6 Disc CD changer, 4 door, Power Sunroof, Road Tax Paid, New JCI, 17inch alloy wheels, low profile tires, COLD AC, originally bought from dealer off-base, well kept, clean interior, clean title, power windows and locks, low miles, serviced on schedule. Good gas mileage. JCI until June 2011. Asking \$2450 Ready to be driven around Japan. JCI until June 2011 asking \$2500 Call 305-520-0368 or email j.swans@msn.com

Yokota, Japan - Priced to sell 1994 Toyota Carina This is a great 1st or 2nd car. It's in excellent condition. Brand new brakes and a full size spare tire. Low mileage: 69km Automatic transmission Power windows Air condition, JCI until May 2011 asking \$1500 OBO Please call 090-2271-9082

Zama - 1998 Honda Odyssey Van, JCI: 6 June 2011. Leather exterior, TV, navigational unit. Excellent condition. Available immediately. \$2,000.00. 080-5688-0996/263-8976. mckee@yokota.af.mil

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Yokota, Japan - Toyota Mark II - Fixed Price & JCI Exp. Date Automatic Runs, Great CD Player, Air Purifier Built into Car, Fairly New Tires, Replaced Radiator 2 weeks ago old one had a small crack Large Gas Tank & Good on Gas, Easy To Drive and Park, Great A/C to keep you cool in this hot summer weather please feel free to test drive it sorry I missed you old add. JCI until April 2010 asking \$1200 OBO Please call 080-3726-3269 or email aaronleewis@hotmail.com

Motorcycles 164

Atsugi - 93 Harley Davidson Dyna wide glide 1340cc has big bore kit, drag Pipes, Mikuni racing carb, forks have been replaced, custom paint. Controls asking \$9500 ob. Call 08058695453 Spicer.

Yokota - Harley Davidson 2006 Sportster, Custom XL1200C. Chrome, 1200cc Evolution engine, gloss black 4.5 gal tank, Le Para solo "Silhouette" seat (very sexy), Vance & Hines "Sideshow" chrome half pipes (it's kinda loud), OEM security system, chrome pull-back riser. For extra pump... Dynojet "ThunderSlide" modified carburetor and "Screenin' Eagle High-Flow" modified air intake installed. Modified: 2,500 miles; fresh tires, meticulously maintained, super fun to ride... awesome to cruise on! Trust me, this bike screams. Call me any time: 080-6683-7366. Let's ride. I'm at Yokota. I'll be there. I'll be there. dual seat and dual factory pipes come with purchase.

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Suzuki TL1000R (Red) Flush mounted turn signals, 'New rear tire and under tail'. JCI until Nov. 09, asking \$4500 Call Mike for details: 080-5465-9444 macatka33@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Honda X-11 Nice motorcycle 1100 cc, new battery plenty of power. Need to sell. JCI until Oct. 2010 asking \$900 OBO Please call 210-547-9936 or email samuelengler@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 2003 Aprilia RSV 1000 Great Italian street bike. Bognar brand new in 2007. Less than 2000KMI! Six Speed Gear Box, 1000cc Rotax V-Twin engine, On-board computer with lap timer, average speed, max speed, battery indicator, 2 trip odometers, etc. All original manuals and paperwork included. Bike Barn is available to buy/sell. JCI until May 2010 Asking \$7500 Call or email for more info 080-3522-3020

Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - Honda CBR 600 - RR- 2003 - Excellent Condition! Oil, Oil Filter, Air Filter, Spark Plugs all changed on 20 Jun 09 - Tires Pilot Power DOT-New Tires on 2-Jun-09 -Custom Painted Black Swing arm/Tail Morlake Rear sets (chrome) -Stock passenger sets (chrome dipped) -Stock Clutch lever/Brake Lever (Chrome Dipped) -Yoshimura Exhaust - Chrome Wind Screen -Corbin Main Seat -Custom Graphics. JCI until Jan. 08 asking \$7500 Call 080-3739-9126 or email nota824682@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Suzuki GSX-R 750 Bike has low miles on it. Bunch of upgrades. Can be taken back to the states. Call 0805-0800-412 if interested. JCI until Jan. 2011 asking \$5500 Call 973-474-2603 or email s_cenov@yahoo.com

Auto Parts 180

Yokosuka - RB25DET for sale. 53,000 kms comes with ecu and wiring. Sold my skyline so don't need the spare motor anymore. \$600. Will come with a 5 speed 3K transmission for \$800. Call Chuck at 090-3692-4470.

Yokota, Japan - New 7" Touch screen DVD radio Double Din radio that can play DVD/CD/VIDEO/MP3/MP4/DIVX. Radio accepts USB/bluetooth/SDHC cards/iPod. There are video and audio cables for extra monitors. Comes with remote. More info in the picture asking \$215 please call 301-638-9933

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Baby Items 200

Coach Diaper/Laptop Messenger Bag - New, with tags. Signature C's design, brown canvas / tan leather, comes with changing pad too. Asking \$200.00/OBO. Contact: aaronandkristen@gmail.com

Atsugi - Delta 5 in 1 crib. Light wood color, casters, adjustable base and cut bars which lock into place. Excellent condition, \$55. Matching dresser available if needed. \$55. Lighting \$55. Queen toddler bed. Excellent condition, \$50. Rocking horse. Fur covered. Makes horse sounds. Excellent condition, \$40. Radio flyer truck with sun canopy. Allows adult to steer but handle can be removed also. Bought for \$99 selling for \$40. Call 264-7973 or email ukandusa@hotmail.com.

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Please email christopher.barnett.ctt@misawa.af.mil</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Huge bag w/ older boy clothes & shoes my son just filled a huge bag w/ clothes & shoes. Clothes are mainly sizes 12/14 & a few 14/16 (S, M, L, and XL). There are a few pairs of jeans that are brand new. There are Nike Seta, P.J.s, shirts, shorts, and more. The shoes are Youth size 6-There are Nike's, Van's, and more (these shoes are for a "boy", however, my daughter also wore some of them). This whole bag is priced to sell now: \$25 for ALL (I also have an ad for Yokota Ads for huge, black bags of girl clothes & woman's clothes). Please call if you have any questions. We have to downsize now! Please Call 916-53-4483</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Large shirts I have 5 shirts that I ordered from Pac sun. I ordered the wrong size. There is 1 billabong, 1 famous Stars and straps, 1 Hurley, and 2 Zoo York. They have never been worn and still have the tags on them. 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Searches by Address, Station, Markin Points, Points of Interest, Phone Number, & Map Code (English, Japanese, Chinese, & Arabic) 4" LCD Screen with touch panel & speaker \$75 \$500 asking \$450 Please call 210-547-9918 or email thepamperedstamp4u@yahoo.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Sony Vaio Desk 1 year old desk w/ keyboard. Modem built into screen. Comes with brand new keyboard and mouse 22inch screen with built in web cam. Processor: Genuine Intel CPU T2080 at 1.73GHz 1.73GHz Memory: 3.0GB RAM System type: 32-bit Operating System "boy", however, my daughter also wore some of them). This whole bag is priced to sell now: \$25 for ALL (I also have an ad for Yokota Ads for huge, black bags of girl clothes & woman's clothes). Please call if you have any questions. We have to downsize now! Please Call 916-53-4483</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Large shirts I have 5 shirts that I ordered from Pac sun. I ordered the wrong size. There is 1 billabong, 1 famous Stars and straps, 1 Hurley, and 2 Zoo York. 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Can deliver anywhere in Yokota. Asking \$60 Please call 090-9837-0640 or email m_bartiam@yahoo.com</p> <p>Furniture/Appliances 511</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - 2 practically new Gibson Air conditioners only used for a few days. Bought from Bxtra for \$88.00 asking \$65 OBO, selling because they are no longer needed willing to deliver free! Thanks a lot. Please call 9164734539 or email theunstaedat@gmail.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Honeywell Quiet Care 17000 Air Cleaner this is for the unit only. It needs the HEPA filter \$49.95 sold at the BX and carbon filter. Asking \$20 OBO Call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Kenmore Freezer Due to PCS'ing, I am selling our chest freezer. This is great for a family. Works great. We use it every day. Asking \$75 OBO email or call Jane at 225-7522</p> <p>Yokota - Kenmore Washer and Dryer for \$325! PCS'ing back to the states? Buy a washer and dryer here and have TMO ship it for you. Both are in awesome shape. I did short tour before here and I forgot I had them in my HHGs. My apartment has a Japanese Washer/Dryer already installed. Call me at 090-4227-5269 or email me at brandon.chamberlain@yokota.af.mil</p> <p>Household Items 560</p> <p>Atsugi - Framed art: Medium size Oil painting from Europe "Sea view with window", 200.00 USD. Contact Emanuela at 264-7802 or 08036018265</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - 4th of July items. Kitchen items (more downsizing now must sell. Absolutely nothing wrong w/ anything. Most of the items I forgot I had, & never used. My loss, your gain these items are all perfect if you plan on having company over for 4th of July celebrations, or any gatherings BBQ's in the future. 1) Large bag filled w/ misc. 4th of July items (one is a Flag that waves & plays diff. music), flickering candle-can be used as nightlight too. Hallmark ornaments, Halloween decor (not scary). Window clings that say "happy birthday", & much, much more. Whole bag \$10.00 2) huge, heavy bag filled w/ misc. kitchen items-most are still brand new-this would be perfect for this weekend for many items to list-name brands too. Huge bag - \$35 please call Angela 916-473-4488</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Toy box 3 1/2ft by 3ft plastic toy chest. Tan with blue top (removable) \$30. Also I have PS1 Wii games and stuff I have a good old fashion PS1 with all kind as games controllers n. Asking \$100 Please email B e n meangreenparts@yahoo.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Toy box has a blue lid and tan/white. Like Bxtra asking \$30 Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Lots of different kitchen items-must go now brand new-Blue color-hard plastic SET OF 6 plates, 6 hand cups, 6-forks, 6-spoons, 6-knives, Pour-All Pitcher, 4-cups-\$15 brand new-Le Cresset Enamel Stoneware Lasagna sized Baking Pan, bed, bath, & beyond bought on. Kiwi color Paid \$65 Asking \$25 OBO set includes: Large Fruit/Salad Spinner, Soft Handled set of 7 measuring cups w/ egg yolk separate, set of 6 measuring spoons all matching. Paid over \$45. Asking \$12.50 Tupperware Beverage Dispensers w/ Spout in front-\$8.50 each (HAVE 2) - Small Storage Container-\$2.50 Please call 916-473-4488</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Really nice full/Queen bedding set must sell now! No reasonable offer refused. This set is really nice, no bold/wild prints or anything. It has soft, natural, neutral colors (browns, light browns, and light blue). Can match just about any decor I took everything to the cleaners!! Everything you need for bedding set, & plenty of extras. I paid about \$600 for this set. I was hoping to get \$160 (willing to accept payments if needed be), or best offer. It's all sitting here, in org. bags, ready to go. Please call if you'd like to see it all in person. There is a lot! So sorry, I do not have pictures as everything is in the bags now, ready to go. This really is a nice set. Must go now please call 916-473-4488</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Small / Medium size Sewing Box & MORE Small to Medium Size Sewing Box. The base is purple in color w/ a clear lid. Inside, there is a magnetic place to hold needles, storage on side. You can lift that area up for more storage to denier. There is an area to hold plenty of thread-this also lifts up for tons of storage underneath. Asking \$5.00 if not home, please leave a message. Thank you, p.s. if you do other craft products, I have a craft cutter as well, etc. shape-\$10 (this is also great for scrapbook art, cutting paper/pictures, ETC). Price to go now please Angela 916-473-4488</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Wanted Tower Curtains Please I want to get some curtains for the sliding doors in a tower apartment, without paying so much. If you have any you would like to get rid of, PLEASE call or email. Thanks! Please call 801-983-0672</p> <p>Home Electronics 570</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - 37" LCD TV & Bose System Package First off this is a great deal, were selling for about half off of what we paid. 37" RCA LCD TV SRS, sound Great condition about a year old. We bought in the states for \$800 Bose 2 speakers & Subwoofer Bought at the BX for \$500. 720-257-6786 or skip592@hotmail.com \$700 OBO for both or \$350 a piece</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Like New AVOL 21" TV (ACT12100H) TV has NTSC and ATSC tuners and a dual voltage. Has rear AV & coaxial inputs. Comes with remote. More info on the picture, asking \$120 Please call 301-638-9933</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Looking for 42" or bigger LCD/Plasma TV. Looking for a second hand LCD/Plasma TV 42" or bigger, if you have one for sale please let me know. Please call 080-5098-8728</p>	<p>U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Japan Camp Zama, Japan</p> <p>Physical Therapist, Intermittent (240 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides physical therapy service in the areas of physical disabilities and neuromuscular dysfunctions in patients ranging from adolescence to the very elderly. <p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Bachelor's degree or higher in Physical Therapy from an accredited school in the United States. Two years clinical physical therapy experience with training in manual therapy skills is preferred. Must have a permanent, full, and unrestricted license to practice physical therapy in a State, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory of the United States. <p>Other Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This position requires a signed statement due to requirements of seasonal influenza vaccination as a condition of employment. Selection of a non-current employee will be withdrawn due to refusal of seasonal influenza vaccination. If refusal is due to medical and/or religious reasons, a statement from a creditable source is required. <p>This is a contract position open to SOFA status applicants. Resumes may be sent to yoshiyasu.aoki@us.army.mil.</p> <p>ALL applicants shall register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) which can be found at www.ccr.gov. Individuals not CCR registered are not eligible for a Government contract.</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - 2 Ferrets brother and sister they have their shot records. They come with cage food litter and lots of other stuff. They are fixed and dissented. They range from 180-300 each off post. We need to get rid of them due to friends kids are allergic. Call Jon or Deb at 267-6601 or 090-6560-0442 asking \$200</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - A cute/well behaved dog for FREE I have a poodle mix puppy (about 10 months old) for free to a good home. 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They have been neutered and musk glands removed. They come with cage, food, litter, toys and lots of other stuff. They range from 180-500 each off post now. We need to get rid of them ASAP. One of the kids I watch is allergic and so is the wife of the couple that just took them yesterday. PLEASE call Jon or Deb at 267-6601 or 0905600442 or 09091026148</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Male Blue Min pin for sale great with kids. We just don't have time for him. A year old very good family dog Asking \$700 OBO Call 813-200-9345 or email little_mearny_babe@yahoo.com</p> <p>Zama - Long Haired Chihuahua puppy. Cream and white female. Born on June 25th, she'll be ready to go to her new home at 8 weeks old on August 13th. Email 458winmag@gmail.com for pictures. Call 080-3540-6107, \$500/obo. She's on Zama, but delivery can be arranged to Atsugi, Yokota, Yokosuka.</p> <p>Zama - Shiba Inu puppy for sale! He is 7 weeks old and comes with everything, Kennel, Leash, Food bowl, Shampoo, Brush and Food. He is very sweet, we have to give him away due to allergies. Asking \$350 OBO Call Stephen DS# 267-6101, CELL 08058798314 or by email: palmer_mia@yahoo.com</p> <p>Pets 820</p> <p>Misawa, Japan - Free dog (Shiba): I'm looking for a good home for my dog. Sam, he is Shiba, loving, cuddly, and cute. He is great with kids and other pets. Please email sarah.golloway@misawa.af.mil</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Diamond watchman goby 2inch saltwater fish \$10, Maroon yellow stripe clown fish 1.5 inch saltwater fish \$15 Call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Casio Exilim 8.1 MP Digital Camera Features of Casio EX5880RD: 8.1 Mega Pixels, 2.8 in. 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Size 24 fits a size 6-8. Silver/gray in color. Like new \$50. Red K2 5 speed ski poles. \$20. Volant ski bag. Great condition \$25. Call 264-7-973 or email ukandusa@hotmail.com.</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - GAZELLE EDGE With your Gazelle Edge, you'll use the muscles of both your upper and lower body on an easy sliding motion to burn calories, firm muscles and improve your cardiovascular endurance. Ideas for all fitness levels. The Gazelle's unsurpassed range of motions lets you go from a slow walk to a full run with no sudden stops. You can achieve a challenging aerobic workout without sacrificing your knees due to its low impact nature. Asking \$20 Call 1-904-229-0534</p> <p>Miscellaneous 1040</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Jon & Kate plus Eight - DVD - Seasons 1, 2, un Like new Jon & Kate plus 8 Seasons 1 & 2, and Season 3 DVD packages! These cost about \$25/each new. Get it here for half-price! Asking \$25 for all 3 seasons! Please call 813-200-9377 or email judb-bane@gmail.com. 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Roethlisberger vows to fight 'reckless' allegations

From staff and wire reports

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said allegations by a Lake Tahoe casino hostess that he raped her a year ago are "reckless and false."

Roethlisberger read a statement Thursday at the Steelers' practice complex in Pittsburgh. He did not respond to questions, saying he would let the legal process run its course.

A 31-year-old Nevada woman has filed a civil lawsuit alleging the Super Bowl winning quarterback raped her in a hotel penthouse last year.

Roethlisberger called the accusation "outrageous."

"I would never, ever force myself on a woman," he said.

He said he will fight the lawsuit while remaining focused on the upcoming football season.



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

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Besides Manning and Garnett, other athletes working on the project include baseball player Albert Pujols, gold-medal decathlete Brian Clay and triathlete Hunter Kemper.

They worked with Wheaties food scientists to develop a formula that would meet their nutritional needs, with aims to enhance endurance and energy.

The company has launched online videos on its Wheaties Web site featuring the athletes.

The original Wheaties was born in 1924 when a health clinician accidentally spilled a wheat bran mixture onto a hot stove. The mixture turned into crispy wheat flakes.

Astros slugger Berkman put on DL

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros placed slugger Lance Berkman on the 15-day disabled list with a strained left calf.

Berkman has missed five starts with the injury, but the Astros had hoped he would heal quickly.

Berkman didn't start Wednesday night but got a pinch-hit single in the seventh inning of Houston's 4-3 victory over St. Louis, the outcome moving the Astros within one game of the NL-Central leading Cardinals.

Infielder Edwin Maysonet was recalled from Triple-A Round Rock on Thursday to take his roster spot.

Berkman has 18 home runs and 55 RBIs and is hitting .273 in 89 games this season.

Mets to investigate reported outburst by official

WASHINGTON — The New York Mets will conduct an investigation into reports that vice president of player development

Tony Bernazard earlier this month challenged members of their Double-A Binghamton affiliate to fight him during a postgame tirade.

Mets general manager Omar Minaya said Wednesday before the Mets finished a three-game series at Washington that the club is taking the report seriously.

The New York Daily News reported Wednesday morning that Bernazard, while visiting the Binghamton Mets in early July, removed his shirt during a clubhouse meeting with team members, then challenged them to fistfights. Bernazard reportedly directed much of his anger at infielder Jose Coronado, the newspaper wrote.

Nats rookie RHP Zimmermann heads to DL with sore elbow

WASHINGTON — Rookie right-hander Jordan Zimmermann was placed on the 15-day disabled list by the Washington Nationals, who recalled right-hander Collin Balester from Triple-A Syracuse to start Thursday against St. Louis.

The Zimmermann move is retroactive to July 19, the day after he last pitched.

Zimmermann, 23, experienced discomfort in his right elbow after throwing Tuesday and the soreness was still present when he arrived at Nationals Park on Wednesday. Zimmermann is 3-5 with a 4.63 ERA in 16 starts this season.

Red Sox to retire Rice's No. 14 jersey

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Boston Red Sox will retire Jim Rice's No. 14 jersey.

The team said Wednesday it will honor Rice in a ceremony at Fenway Park on Tuesday, two days after Rice is inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Rice, an eight-time All-Star, batted .298 with 382 home runs and 1,451 RBIs in 2,089 games for the Red Sox from 1974-89.

Rice will join Bobby Doerr, Ted Williams and Carl Yastrzemski as Hall of Fame players who spent their entire careers with the Red Sox.

Along with Doerr (No. 1), Yastrzemski (No. 8) and Williams (No. 9), the other numbers retired by the Red Sox were Joe Cronin (No. 4), Johnny Pesky (No. 6), and Carlton Fisk (No. 27).

Ex-Red Wing Fedorov says Mich. man swiped \$43M

DETROIT — Former Detroit Red Wings star Sergei Fedorov said a man entrusted to manage his money during the past 11 years swindled him out of \$43 million.

In a lawsuit filed Thursday in Wayne County Circuit Court, Fedorov said Joseph Zada of Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich., also broke a promise to repay him \$60 million by April 20.

The suit said Zada was "acting in concert with others" and "intentionally lied

to Fedorov" whenever he asked about the money.

There was no answer Thursday at a number listed for Zada in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Fedorov, the 1994 NHL MVP and three-time Stanley Cup winner with the Red Wings, signed a two-year contract with a Russian club of the Kontinental Hockey League. He also played for Anaheim, Columbus and Washington.

Vikings sign cornerback Winfield to 5-year extension

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings signed cornerback Antoine Winfield to a five-year contract extension.

Winfield was heading into the final year of his contract and negotiations stretched into the summer. That prompted Winfield to skip the team's optional workouts. He also missed a mandatory minicamp in June.

The team reached agreement Thursday with one of the trusted leaders of a veteran defense. Winfield, 32, is coming off his first Pro Bowl appearance.

In his 10th season out of Ohio State, Winfield had 95 tackles, four forced fumbles, two interceptions and two sacks last season to help the Vikings to the NFC North title.

Federer, Nadal Roddick among men in U.S. Open field

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Five-time defending champion Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Andy Roddick are among eight Grand Slam winners leading the men's field for the U.S. Open.

Federer will be trying to become the first man since Bill Tilden in the 1920s to win the Grand Slam tournament six consecutive times. By winning the French Open and Wimbledon this year, Federer increased his career total to 15 major titles, breaking Pete Sampras' record of 14.

Nadal missed Wimbledon with sore knees and hasn't played since late May, when he was upset in the fourth round of the French Open as the four-time defending champion. He will be trying to complete a career Grand Slam at Flushing Meadows.

Roddick won the 2003 U.S. Open. He hasn't played since injuring his right hip flexor while losing to Federer on July 5 in the Wimbledon final, which ended 16-14 in the fifth set.

Defending champion Serena Williams and four other past winners, including her sister, Venus, and wild-card entry Kim Clijsters, head the women's field.

The winners of the men's and women's singles title will each receive a record \$1.6 million.

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Friday
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-MLB: San Francisco at Atlanta.
AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.-Soccer: CONCACAF Gold Cup, semifinal, Honduras vs. U.S.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.-WNBA: Chicago at Washington.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.-MLB: Minnesota at L.A. Angels.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-Cycling: Tour de France, Stage 18, Annecy (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.-Soccer: CONCACAF Gold Cup, semifinal, Honduras vs. U.S. (dld).

Saturday
AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.-MLB: Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.-MLB: Baltimore at Boston.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-MLB: N.Y. Mets at Houston.
AFN-Pacific, 10 a.m.-MLB: San Francisco at Colorado.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.-MLB: Cleveland at Seattle.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-Cycling: Tour de France, Stage 19, Bourgoin Jallieu-Aubenas (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-MLB: Florida at L.A. Dodgers (dld).

Sunday
AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.-MLB: Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs.
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-MLB: Tampa Bay at Toronto.
AFN-Xtra, 2 a.m.-MLB: Oakland at N.Y. Yankees.
AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.-MLB: Minnesota at L.A. Angels.
AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.-MLB: St. Louis at Philadelphia.
AFN-Atlantic, 8 a.m.-MLB: Atlanta at Milwaukee.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-MLB: San Francisco at Colorado.
AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.-Auto racing: NASCAR Nationwide Kroger 200.
AFN-Xtra, 11:30 a.m.-MLS: D.C. at San Jose.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-Cycling: Tour de France, Stage 20, Montelmar-Mont Ventoux (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.-WNBA: All-Star Game (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 6 p.m.-MLB: Chicago White Sox at Detroit (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.-Cycling: Tour de France, Stage 21, Montreaux-Fault Yonne-Paris.
AFN-Xtra, 9 p.m.-MLB: N.Y. Mets at Houston (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard. (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Pro basketball

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	9	4	.750	
Connecticut	9	6	.600	2½
Washington	7	7	.500	4
Chicago	8	9	.471	4½
Atlanta	8	10	.444	5
New York	6	8	.429	5
Detroit	5	9	.357	6
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	12	5	.706	—
Seattle	11	6	.647	1
Minnesota	10	7	.588	2
San Antonio	7	8	.467	4
Los Angeles	4	9	.306	6
Sacramento	3	14	.176	9
Tuesday's game				
Indiana 82, Washington 70				
Wednesday's games				
Atlanta 98, Detroit 95, OT				
New York 77, Chicago 70				
Connecticut 83, Sacramento 75				
Minnesota 99, Phoenix 86				
Seattle 98, Los Angeles 87, 3OT				
Thursday's games				
San Antonio 84, Indiana 65				
Chicago at Washington				
Sacramento at New York				
No games scheduled				
Friday's games				
All-Star Game at Uncasville, Conn.				
Saturday's game				
Phoenix at New York				
Sunday's games				
Sacramento at Washington				

NBA calendar

Sept. 10-11 — Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Induction ceremonies, Springfield, Mass.

Boxing

Fight schedule

July 25
At Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico, Giovanni Segura, Bell Gardens, Calif., vs. Sonny Boy Jaro, Philippines, 12, for the WBA light flyweight title; Urbano Antillon, Maywood, Calif., vs. Miguel Acosta, Venezuela, 12, for the interim WBA light-weight title; Juan Alberto Rosas, Mexico, vs. Alejandro Martinez, Costa Rica, 10, super flyweights; Hernan Marquez, Mexico, vs. Juan Esquer, Mexico, 10, light flyweights.

World Team Tennis				
Eastern Conference				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-N.Y. Sportimes	10	4	.714	
x-Washington	7	7	.500	3
Boston	7	7	.500	3
N.Y. Buzz	4	10	.286	6
Philadelphia	4	10	.286	6
Western Conference				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Springfield	12	2	.857	—
x-Newport Beach	9	5	.643	3
Kansas City	6	8	.429	6
Sacramento	6	8	.429	6
St. Louis	5	9	.357	7
Playoffs				
y-clinched conference				
x-clinched playoff spot				
Wednesday's matches				
Boston 20, N.Y. Buzz 16				
Tennings 21, Springfield 14				
St. Louis 21, Philadelphia 17				
Newport Beach 24, Kansas City 15				
Sacramento 22, N.Y. Sportimes 14				
Thursday's matches				
No matches scheduled				
Conference Championships				
Friday's matches				
Washington at N.Y. Sportimes				
Newport Beach at Springfield				

Indianapolis Championships

Wednesday
At The Indianapolis Tennis Center
Indianapolis
Purse: \$600,000 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Doubles
First Round
Robby Ginerpi and John Isner, United States, def. Stephen Huss, Australia, and Ross Hutchins (2), Britain, 3-6, 6-3, 10-1 tiebreak.
Jesse Levine, United States, and Dudi Sela, Israel, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, and Josselin Ouanna, France, 6-4, 6-4.

German Open

Wednesday
At Rothenbaum Sport GmbH
Hamburg, Germany
Purse: \$1.57 million (WT500)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Second Round
Robin Soderling (3), Sweden, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-3.
Julien Benneteau, France, def. Igor Andreev (7), Russia, 6-4, 6-3.
Jeremy Chardy (15), France, def. Andreas Beck, Germany, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (6).
Victor Hanescu (11), Romania, def. Jan Hernych, Czech Republic, 2-6, 3-6.
Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Jose Acasuso (12), Argentina, 6-1, 1-1, ret.
Nicolas Almagro (14), Spain, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Simon Greul, Germany, def. Mischa Zverev (16), Germany, 0-6, 7-5, 6-1.
David Ferrer (6), Spain, def. Florian Mayer, Germany, 6-3, 6-2.
Nikolay Davydenko (2), Russia, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 6-3, 6-2.

Gastein Ladies

Thursday
At TC Wels 76
Bad Gastein, Austria
Purse: \$220,000 (Int'l.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Second Round
Andrea Petkovic, Germany, def. Iveta Benesova (4), Czech Republic, 6-1, retired.
Ioana Raluca Olaru, Romania, def. Sybille Bammer (3), Austria, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.
Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Nuria Llagostera Vives, Spain, 6-0, 6-3.
Alize Cornet (1), France, def. Patricia Mayr, Austria, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Slovenia Open

Wednesday
At SRC Marina
Portoroz, Slovenia
Purse: \$220,000 (Int'l.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Second Round
Dinara Safina (1), Russia, def. Ksenia Pervak, Russia, 6-1, 6-2.
Stefanie Voegelé, Switzerland, def. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.
Rossana de Los Rios, Paraguay, def. Roberta Vinci (4), Italy, 6-3, 6-4.
Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, def. Vera Dushevina (7), Russia, 4-6, 7-5, 6-0.

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Senior British Open

Thursday
At Sunningdale Golf Club (Old Course)
Sunningdale, England
Purse: \$2 million
Yardage: 6,616; Par: 70
First Round
a-amateur
Fred Funk, United States 34-30—64 -6
Jay Haas, United States 35-31—66 -4
Loren Roberts, United States 32-34—66 -4
Des Smyth, Ireland 34-32—66 -4
Christopher Williams, S. Africa 33-33—66 -4
Jerry Bruner, United States 32-35—67 -3
Sam Torrance, Scotland 34-33—67 -3
Tom Kite, United States 33-34—67 -3
Greg Norman, Australia 33-34—67 -3
Tom Watson, United States 32-35—67 -3
Olin Browne, United States 32-36—68 -2
Curt Byrum, United States 34-34—68 -2
Sandy Lyle, Scotland 33-35—68 -2
Gordon Brand Jr., Scotland 34-34—68 -2
Gordon J. Brand, England 33-35—68 -2
Phil Blackmar, United States 33-36—68 -2
Denis Watson, Zimbabwe 33-35—68 -2
Scott Simpson, United States 33-35—68 -2
Tony Johnstone, Zimbabwe 35-33—68 -2
Ian Woosnam, Wales 34-34—68 -2
Len O'Sullivan, Ireland 35-33—68 -2
Russ Cochran, United States 34-35—69 -1
Berkie Smith, South Africa 33-36—69 -1
Jeff Sluman, United States 34-35—69 -1
Joey Sindelar, United States 37-32—69 -1
Larry Mize, United States 33-36—69 -1
David Eger, United States 33-36—69 -1
Andrew Murray, England 36-33—69 -1
Mark McNulty, Ireland 35-34—69 -1
Mark O'Meara, United States 33-36—69 -1
Gary Koch, United States 37-33—70 E
Michael Allen, United States 34-36—70 E
Bruce Vaughan, United States 35-35—70 E
Mark James, England 37-33—70 E
Wayne Grady, Australia 34-36—70 E
Fulton Allem, South Africa 34-36—70 E
Graham Marsh, Australia 33-37—70 E
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Doug Johnson, United States 34-36—70 E
Robert Thompson, U.S. 38-32—70 E
Glenn Ralph, England 34-36—70 E
David J. Russell, England 34-36—70 E
Andy Bean, United States 33-37—70 E
Eduardo Romero, Argentina 33-37—70 E
Tom Lehman, United States 34-36—70 E
Nick Faldo, England 35-35—70 E
David Merriman, Australia 34-36—70 E
Bob Charles, New Zealand 34-36—70 E
Don Pooley, United States 36-34—70 E
Angel Fernandez, Chile 35-35—70 E

Evian Masters

Ladies European Tour
Thursday
At Evian Masters Golf Club
Evian-les-Bains, France
Purse: \$3.25 million
Yardage: 6,373; Par: 72 (36-36)
Becky Brewerton 32-35—67 -5
In-Kyung Kim 35-32—67 -5
Na Yeon Choi 33-34—67 -5
Ji Young Oh 33-35—68 -4
Karen Stapples 33-35—68 -4
Karine Icher 33-35—68 -4
Wendy Ward 33-35—68 -4
Meena Lee 35-34—69 -3
Seon Hwa Lee 34-35—69 -3
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Jin Joo Hong 37-33—70 -2
Anna Nordqvist 36-34—70 -2
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Morgan Pressel 36-34—70 -2
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Pat Hurst 37-33—70 -2
Ji-Hee Lee 36-34—70 -2
Michelle Redman 36-34—70 -2

SAS Masters

PGA Europe
Thursday
At Barseback Golf and Country Club
Malmo, Sweden
Purse: \$314.2 million
Yardage: 7,665; Par: 73
First Round
Lee Slattery, England 30-37—67
Ricardo Gonzalez, Argentina 34-34—68
Klas Eriksson, Sweden 34-35—69
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain 35-34—69
Pablo Martin Benavides, Spain 32-37—69
Tano Goya, Argentina 35-34—69

CONCACAF Gold Cup

QUARTERFINALS
Saturday, July 18
At Philadelphia
Honduras 1, Canada 0
United States 2, Panama 1, OT
Sunday, July 19
At Arlington, Texas
Costa Rica 5, Guadeloupe 1
Mexico 4, Haiti 0
SEMIFINALS
Thursday, July 23
At Chicago
Honduras vs. United States
Costa Rica vs. Mexico
CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 26
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Semifinals winners
MLS
Eastern Conference
Chicago 7 3 7 28 25 20
D.C. 6 3 9 27 29 26
Columbus 6 3 9 27 25 22
Toronto FC 7 6 5 26 25 27
Kansas City 5 6 5 20 19 18
New England 2 14 4 10 16 33
Western Conference
Houston 9 4 5 32 23 13
Seattle 7 3 7 28 26 16
Chivas USA 8 6 3 27 19 15
Los Angeles 6 3 9 27 22 19
Colorado 6 5 6 24 24 23
Real Salt Lake 5 7 5 20 24 21
FC Dallas 4 8 5 17 20 26
San Jose 3 10 4 13 19 33
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday's game
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake
Saturday's games
Chicago at Seattle FC
Toronto FC at Columbus
New England at Houston
Los Angeles at Kansas City
New York at Colorado
D.C. United at San Jose
Wednesday, July 29
All-Star Games at Sandy, Utah
Saturday, Aug. 1
Toronto FC at New England
D.C. United at Houston
Kansas City at FC Dallas
Real Salt Lake at Chicago
Columbus at Colorado
Sunday, Aug. 2
Seattle at San Jose

WPS				
	W	L	T	Pts
Los Angeles	11	2	4	37
Saint Louis	8	6	2	26
Boston	7	6	3	24
Sky Blue FC	6	7	4	22
Washington	5	6	5	20
Chicago	4	8	5	17
FC Gold Pride	3	9	3	12
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.				

Wednesday's game
Saint Louis 1, Sky Blue FC 0
Thursday's game Los Angeles at FC Gold Pride | **Saturday's game** Sky Blue FC at Boston **Sunday's games** Washington at Chicago FC Gold Pride at Saint Louis **Wednesday, July 29** Boston at Washington **Saturday, August 1** Washington at FC Gold Pride Boston at Saint Louis **Sunday, August 2** Los Angeles at Chicago |

AP spotlight

July 25
1902 — Jim Jeffries knocks out Bob Fitzsimmons in the eighth round to retain the world heavyweight title.
1941 — Lefty Grove of the Boston Red Sox wins his 300th and last game, beating the Cleveland Indians 10-6.
1999 — Lance Armstrong wins the Tour de France, just three years after he was diagnosed with testicular cancer that spread to his brain and lungs.
2004 — Lance Armstrong rides into history, winning a record sixth Tour de France and cementing his place as one of the greatest athletes of all time.

Wednesday's transactions

BASEBALL
MLB—Suspended RHP Orlando Cabrera 50 games and RHP Miguel Munoz 100 games for violating the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Acquired 1B Adam LaRoche from Pittsburgh for SS Argenis Diaz and RHP Hunter Strickland. Acquired OF Chris Duncan and a player to be named or cash from St. Louis for SS Julio Lugo and cash considerations, and optioned Duncan to Pawtucket (IL). Promoted SS Yamaico Navarro from Salem (Carolina) to Portland (EL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Purchased the contract of OF Carlos Torres from Charlotte (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Optioned RHP Sean O'Sullivan to Salt Lake (PCL). Recalled OF Terry Evans from Salt Lake City.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Optioned RHP Kevin Mulvey to Rochester (IL).
National League
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Recalled INF Brian Barden from Memphis (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Placed RHP Jordan Zimmermann on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 19. Recalled RHP Collin Balester from Syracuse (IL).
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DETROIT PISTONS—Signed F Chris Wilcox.
INDIANA PACERS—Re-signed F Josh McRoberts to a multi-year contract. Waived G Jamaal Tinsley.
MIAMI HEAT—Re-signed C Jamaal Magloire.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed G Duke Robinson to a four-year contract.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed FB Quinn Johnson. Released TE Carson Butler.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Signed D John Moore to a three-year contract and D Marc Methot to a two-year contract.
MINNESOTA WILD—Signed C Nathan Smith to a one-year contract.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Re-signed C Travis Zajac to a multiyear contract.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Agreed to terms with G Martin Biron on a one-year contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Re-signed F Darryl Boyce and F Alex Foster.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Signed F Tanner Glass, F Guillaume Desbiens and D Mike Funk.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Renewed their affiliation agreement with the South Carolina (ECHL) for the 2009-10 season.
American Hockey League
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFINS—Announced Detroit (NHL) re-signed LW Ryan Oulahen and C Evan McGrath to one-year contracts.
SYRACUSE CRUNCH—Announced Columbus (NHL) agreed to terms with D Marc Methot.
Western Hockey League
CALGARY HITMEN—Named Mike Williamson coach.
LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
EDMONTON RUSH—Traded F Mike Homminck to Toronto for a 2009 third-round draft pick.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
FC DALLAS—Signed D Jair Benitez.
COLLEGE
CINCINNATI—Named Janet Carl director of golf/women's golf coach and Doug Martin men's golf coach.
DUKE—Dismissed RB Tony Jackson from the football team for failing to uphold the standard of conduct expected of a Duke football player.
METHUEN—Announced the resignation of cross country coach and men's assistant basketball coach Tim Ryerson, to become men's assistant basketball coach at Wayne State. Named Duane Ross cross country coach and Justin Pini men's assistant basketball coach.
MINN. ST., MANKATO—Agreed to terms with Troy Tutting, men's hockey coach, on a four-year contract extension.
NIAGARA—Named Tim Madsen men's assistant hockey coach.
PFEIFFER—Named Katie Michel women's assistant soccer coach.
RICHMOND—Named Steph Samaras women's lacrosse coach.
ST. EDWARD'S—Named Andre Cook men's basketball coach.
ST. JOHN'S—Announced F Anthony Mason Jr. was granted a medical hardship by the Big East Conference and be a redshirt senior in 2009-10 basketball season.
SOUTH CAROLINA—Named Clint Haggard trainer.
THIEL—Announced the resignation of track and field coach Ricardo Franklin.
UNC-WILMINGTON—Named Daniel Hargrave assistant baseball coach.
WAGNER—Named Kevin Papa men's and women's tennis coach.
WASHINGTON—Named Jason Drake assistant track and field and cross country coach.

Contador still first overall

By JAMEY KEATEN
The Associated Press

ANNECY, France — Alberto Contador won the final time trial in the Tour de France on Thursday, and Lance Armstrong moved up one spot to third place overall.

Contador now looks all but assured of his second Tour victory after increasing his overall lead in the 18th stage, in which riders embarked one-by-one down the start ramp for the 25.2-mile stage in and around Annecy.

The 2007 champion finished the stage in 48 minutes, 31 seconds — beating Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland by 3 seconds. Russia's Mikhail Ignatiev was third, 15 seconds back.

"I went all out," said Contador, adding that his earpiece radio linking him with Astana team managers stopped working during the stage, and that he was worried about Cancellara's skill at time trials.

"Of course, what I especially wanted was to think about general class. A stage victory was less important," he said. "I'm very happy. I didn't expect it."



LAURENT REBOURS/AP

Alberto Contador, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, crosses the finish line to win the 18th stage of the Tour de France, an individual time-trial of 25.2 miles, on Thursday.

Tour de France

Thursday
18th Stage
At Annecy, France

25.2-mile individual time trial around Annecy Lake

1. Alberto Contador, Spain, Astana, 48 minutes, 31 seconds.
2. Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland, Team Saxo Bank, 3 seconds behind.
3. Mikhail Ignatiev, Russia, Team Katu-sha, 15 seconds behind.
4. Gustav Larsson, Sweden, Team Saxo Bank, :33.

Overall Standings (After 18 stages)

1. Alberto Contador, Spain, Astana, 73:15:39.
2. Andy Schleck, Luxembourg, Team Saxo Bank, 4:11.
3. Lance Armstrong, United States, Astana, 5:25.

Buehrle: Lefty gets call from Sox fan Obama

BUEHRLE, FROM BACK PAGE

Wise knew the stakes.

"I was with the Braves in '04 and I was there when Randy Johnson of the Diamondbacks pitched a perfect game. So I've been on both sides of it," he said. "It was probably the best catch I've ever made because of the circumstances."

"It was kind of crazy, man, because when I jumped, the ball hit my glove at the same time I was hitting the wall. So I didn't realize I had caught it until I fell down and the ball was coming out of my glove, so I reached out and grabbed it."

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen was happy he made the switch.

"I guess that's our job," he said.

Michel Hernandez then struck out, and with fans chanting Buehrle's name, Jason Bartlett grounded to shortstop. Buehrle put both hands on his head and was mobbed by teammates between the mound and first base.

"I don't know if it's really sunk in yet. We have a short flight to Detroit. I'm sure it will be a little hectic later," Buehrle said.

The pitcher had already received a congratulatory telephone call from President Barack Obama — a White Sox fan — following the 16th perfect game since the modern era began in 1900 and the first since Johnson's on May 18, 2004.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Obama told Buehrle: "It was an unbelievable achievement, something that everyone will always remember."

Buehrle (11-3), backed by Josh Fields' second-inning grand slam, threw 76 of 116 pitches for strikes and fanned six in his second no-hitter, helping Chicago move within a percentage point of AL Central-leading Detroit.

In a 6-0 victory over Texas on April 18, 2007, he also faced the minimum 27 batters. He walked Sammy Sosa in the fifth inning of that game, then picked him off two pitches later.

"I bought everyone watches after the last one. That was an expensive no-hitter," Buehrle said. "This one will probably be more expensive."

Before the ninth, Buehrle needed no great plays behind him. In the fourth, Evan Longoria hit a line drive right at shortstop Alexei Ramirez. In the eighth, third baseman Gordon Beckham didn't have to move to catch Pat Burrell's liner.

Buehrle went to three-ball counts on five batters, including 3-0 to Bartlett in the sixth. Bartlett took the next two pitches for strikes, fouled one off and then hit a routine grounder to Ramirez. As the shortstop threw to first, those in the crowd of 28,036, sensing history, cheered loudly.

With one out in the eighth, Ben Zobrist hit a weak grounder that just rolled foul and later popped out on a 3-2 pitch. The next batter, Burrell, lined one just foul to left, with third-base umpire Laz Diaz making an emphatic "foul" call. Burrell then lined out to third moments later.

The left-hander became only the second pitcher to throw two no-hitters for the White Sox: Frank Smith did it against Detroit in 1905 and the Philadelphia Athletics in 1908. The only previous perfect game for the White Sox was by Charles Robertson at Detroit on April 30, 1922.

It was the second no-hitter against the Rays. Derek Lowe accomplished the feat for Boston on April 27, 2002.

Scott Kazmir (4-6) allowed five runs and five hits in sixth innings. In addition to Fields' grand slam, Ramirez hit an RBI double in the fifth.

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Anticipation building in Charlotte

NASCAR Hall of Fame taking shape before May debut

By MIKE CRANSTON
The Associated Press

The sun reflecting off the silver dome draws your eyes as you approach downtown Charlotte. Designed to look like sheet metal from a stock car but in the shape of an oval racetrack, it's the signature element of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

With the opening nearly 10 months away, you still have to dodge the machinery and scaffolding, hopscotch the sticky red clay and block out the constant noise of drilling as you visit the site. But the outer shell is complete and ready to house NASCAR's long-awaited celebration of its past.

"What's going to be inside is even better," said Tim Newman, CEO of the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority.

That's where the Hall's director, Winston Kelley, gave a hard-hat tour last week. The banked "Glory Road" that will greet visitors as they enter the Hall is almost ready for Richard Petty's famous No. 43 Plymouth. The theater next door that will provide fans with videos of the past is being constructed.

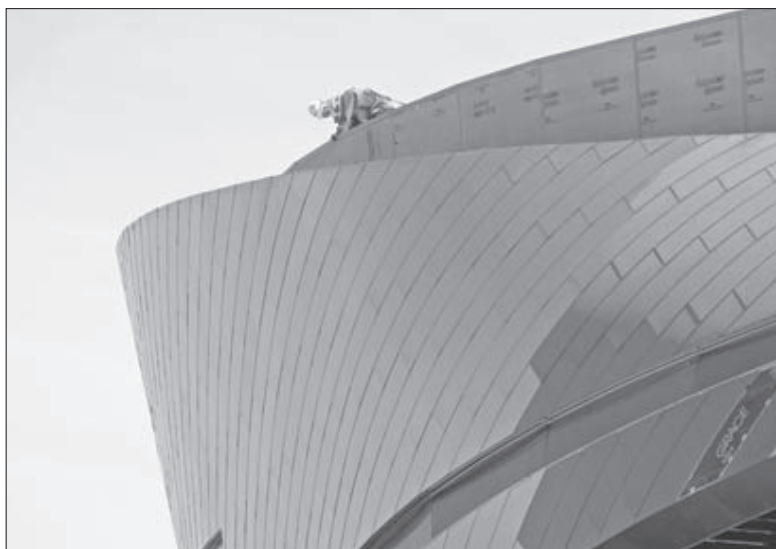
The oval ring of honor is nearly equipped to hang the high-tech monuments for the five-member class that will be inducted in May. The race-day experience a floor higher is a large space that will let fans change a tire, go in a race simulator and see a full-sized transporter.

The heritage floor is carving out room to tell NASCAR's story from the early days on the beach courses at Daytona to explaining the Car of Tomorrow.

There will be plenty of space to eat and buy souvenirs, too, in the 130,000-square-foot facility that includes a 19-floor office tower, ballroom and television and radio studios.

"We want to make sure this is right, that's it's engaging and you want to come back," Kelley said.

A longtime NASCAR broadcaster, Kelley



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Construction continues on the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, N.C., which is scheduled to open in May. The opening of the \$154.5 million museum will coincide with the induction of the first Hall of Fame class, which is likely to include Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt and NASCAR founder Bill France.

was chosen to run the Hall when NASCAR picked Charlotte as the site over Atlanta, Richmond, Va., Daytona Beach, Fla., and Kansas City, Kan.

Groundbreaking on the \$154.5 million project was in January 2007. Paid for mostly by a 2 percent increase in the hotel and motel tax, the facility will be owned by the city, with NASCAR getting royalties and some revenues. The project is on schedule and on budget, with the scheduled opening May 11.

Yet with NASCAR struggling with smaller crowds and sponsorship pullouts, the timing isn't great. The local effect of the economic downturn is visible just out-

side the main entrance, where a stalled condominium tower a block away provides an eyesore.

"We still are hopeful that we'll have 800,000 people come through the first year," Newman said. "Based on what other halls have experienced, some of which have opened in very difficult, trying times, the product itself, priced right with the right experience, is going to be successful."

Kelley spent much of 2007 visiting different halls of fame to get ideas. NASCAR's shrine will have an introductory video like baseball's Hall of Fame. There will be a stock-car-racing timeline that will also include major events in history to provide

context, as organizers did for a similar exhibit at the Country Music Hall of Fame.

But NASCAR also wants to take advantage of technological advances. Instead of the busts or plaques for the inductees, there will be an interactive display that includes not only a picture and statistics, but a video screen and audio. The bottom of the 7-foot monument will include an area where children can make a souvenir rubbing.

The Hall has secured additional funding for more interactive exhibits, items Kelley said are essential. With Charlotte hosting three NASCAR races a year, Kelley is charged with keeping the Hall of Fame fresh to bring repeat visitors. He plans to routinely trade out exhibits and update displays.

"No matter how big the facility is, you're not going to be able to put everything in there and tell every story at once," Kelley said. "The blessing is, there is so much material that you can bring in and change. I don't think we're going to run out of stories."

The Hall of Fame will rely on donated and borrowed items and will not pay for cars or other artifacts. Petty began the process when he agreed to lend the car in which he won 36 races in 1966-67, including a record 10 straight on the way to his 1967 championship. It will be one of 18 cars on "Glory Road," where fans will walk up a simulated track with different banking to mimic tracks on the NASCAR circuit.

The May opening will coincide with the first Hall of Fame class, likely to include Petty, Dale Earnhardt and NASCAR founder Bill France. The induction ceremony will be either the weekend of NASCAR's All-Star race at nearby Lowe's Motor Speedway on May 22-23 or the Coca-Cola 600 a week later at the same track.

"When I think about what's in here, I think of the stories," Kelley said. "I think about the Richard Pettys and the Bobby Allison and the David Pearsons and the people I grew up looking up to."

"This is our history."

FAST FACTS

SPRINT CUP

Race 20: Allstate 400 at the Brickyard at Indianapolis Motor Speedway 3 a.m. Monday, Japan & Korea, AFN-Xtra

Last race: Mark Martin, 50, raced to his series-high fourth victory of the season, leading 195 of 267 laps July 11 at Chicagoland Speedway.

Last year: Jimmie Johnson won for his second Brickyard victory in three years, outrunning Carl Edwards in a seven-lap sprint to the finish. Goodyear's tires weren't durable enough to withstand more than 10 or so laps at a time, creating a chaotic and confusing caution-filled race.

Notes: Tony Stewart, the Indiana driver who won the 2005 and 2007 races, tops the standings with seven races left before the start of the 12-driver Chase for the championship.

Next race: Pennsylvania 500, Aug. 2, Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa.



Driver to watch: Juan Pablo Montoya, who is currently ninth in the Sprint Cup standings, won the 2000 Indianapolis 500 as a rookie in the Indy Racing League.

DRIVER STANDINGS

Through 19 of 36 races

1. Tony Stewart	2,884
2. Jeff Gordon	2,709
3. Jimmie Johnson	2,672
4. Kurt Busch	2,526
5. Denny Hamlin	2,457
6. Carl Edwards	2,438
7. Ryan Newman	2,385
8. Kasey Kahne	2,336
9. Juan Pablo Montoya	2,321
10. Kyle Busch	2,298
11. Mark Martin	2,296
12. Matt Kenseth	2,295
13. Greg Biffle	2,285
14. David Reutimann	2,219
15. Clint Mears	2,169
16. Brian Vickers	2,149
17. Jeff Burton	2,113
18. Marcos Ambrose	2,078
19. Jamie McMurray	1,960
20. Joey Logano	1,956
21. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1,928
22. Casey Mears	1,887
23. Elliott Sadler	1,881
24. Martin Truex Jr.	1,820
25. Kevin Harvick	1,789

NATIONWIDE SERIES

This week: Kroger 200 at Clermont, Ind. (9 a.m. Sunday, AFN-Xtra).

Next race: U.S. Cellular 250, Aug. 1, Iowa Speedway, Newton, Iowa.

Driver Standings

1. Kyle Busch	3,121
2. Carl Edwards	2,909
3. Brad Keselowski	2,744
4. Jason Leffler	2,648
5. Joey Logano	2,395

CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS

This week: AAA Insurance 200 at Clermont, Ind.

Next race: Toyota Tundra 200, Aug. 1, Nashville Superspeedway, Gladeville, Tenn.

Driver Standings

1. Ron Hornaday Jr.	1,903
2. Matt Crafton	1,807
3. Mike Skinner	1,749
4. Todd Bodine	1,689
5. Brian Scott	1,623

FORMULA ONE

This week: Hungarian Grand Prix at Budapest, Hungary.

Next race: Grand Prix of Europe, Aug. 23, Streets of Valencia, Valencia, Spain.

Driver Standings

1. Jensen Button	68
2. Sebastian Vettel	47
3. Mark Webber	45.5

INDYCAR SERIES

This week: Rexall Edmonton Indy at Edmonton, Alberta (Delayed, 11 p.m. Monday, AFN-Xtra).

Next race: Meijer Indy 300, Aug. 1, Kentucky Speedway, Sparta, Ky.

Driver Standings

1. Dario Franchitti	347
2. Scott Dixon	345
3. Ryan Briscoe	334
4. Helio Castroneves	269

NHRA

This week: Fram Autolite Nationals at Sonoma, Calif. (10 a.m. Monday, AFN-Xtra).

Next event: Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals, Aug. 13-16, Brainerd International Raceway, Brainerd, Minn.

Driver Standings

1. Antron Brown	1,168
2. Tony Schumacher	1,031
3. Larry Dixon	998

Funny Car

1. Ron Capps	1,039
2. Ashley Force Hood	1,018
3. Tony Pedregon	1,009

Pro Stock

1. Jeg Coughlin	1,199
2. Mike Edwards	1,179
3. Jason Line	1,086

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MLB scoreboard

American League

	East Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	57	37	.606	—
Boston	55	39	.585	2
Tampa Bay	52	44	.542	6
Texas	47	49	.490	11
Baltimore	41	53	.436	16
Central Division				
Detroit	49	44	.527	—
Chicago	50	45	.526	—
Minnesota	48	47	.505	1 1/2
Cleveland	38	58	.396	13
Kansas City	37	57	.394	13
West Division				
Los Angeles	55	38	.591	—
Texas	52	41	.559	3
Seattle	51	44	.537	5
Oakland	40	53	.437	15

Tuesday's games

L.A. Angels 8, Kansas City 5, 1st game
N.Y. Yankees 6, Baltimore 4
Detroit 9, Seattle 7
Cleveland 2, Toronto 1
Texas 4, Boston 2
Tampa Bay 3, Chicago White Sox 2
L.A. Angels 10, Kansas City 2, 2nd game
Minnesota 3, Oakland 2, 10 innings

Wednesday's games

N.Y. Yankees 6, Baltimore 4
Oakland 16, Minnesota 1
Seattle 2, Detroit 1
Toronto 10, Cleveland 6
Texas 3, Boston 1
L.A. Angels 9, Kansas City 6
Chicago White Sox 4, Tampa Bay 3

Thursday's games

Cleveland 5, Toronto 4
Seattle 2, Detroit 1
Chicago White Sox 5, Tampa Bay 0
Oakland at N.Y. Yankees
Minnesota at L.A. Angels

Friday's games

Chicago White Sox (Contreras 4-8) at Detroit (Verlander 10-5)
Chicago White Sox (B.Colon 3-6) at Detroit (Bonine 0-0)
Oakland (BreAnderson 5-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Chamberlain 5-2)
Baltimore Bay (Garza 6-7) at Toronto (Halladay 11-3)
Baltimore (Bergesen 6-4) at Boston (Penny 6-4)
Texas (Feldman 8-3) at Kansas City (Greinke 10-5)
Minnesota (Liriano 4-9) at L.A. Angels (Laffey 5-4)
Cleveland (Laffey 3-2) at Seattle (Rowland-Smith 0-0)

Saturday's games

Oakland at N.Y. Yankees
Tampa Bay at Toronto
Minnesota at L.A. Angels
Cleveland at Seattle
Chicago White Sox at Detroit
Texas at Kansas City
Baltimore at Boston

Wednesday

Rangers 3, Red Sox 1

Boston		Texas	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Ellsury cf	4 0 0 0	Kinsler 2b	4 1 1 1
Pedroia 2b	4 1 2 0	Miyang 3b	3 0 1 0
Youkilis 3b	0 0 0 0	Hamfin cf	0 0 0 0
D.Ortiz dh	4 0 2 0	Byrd lf	4 0 2 0
Bay lf	3 0 0 0	Blalock 1b	4 0 0 0
J.Drew rf	3 0 0 0	N.Cruz rf	2 1 2 0
Kortay 1b	4 0 0 0	DvMrp dh	4 1 2 0
Valkett c	4 0 1 0	Tegrdn c	4 0 1 0
N.Green ss	3 0 0 0	Alruss ss	4 0 2 1
Totals	33 1 6 1	Totals	33 3 10 3
Boston	001 000 001	Texas	001 200 00x-3

LOB—Boston 7, Texas 10. 2B—Byrd (29), HR—N.Green (5), Kinsler (23), SB—Kinsler (21), Byrd (4), Cruz 2 (15), Dav. Murphy (6), Andrus (19).

IP H R ER BB SO
Delcarmen 4 6 3 3 2 3
D.Bard 1 2 0 0 0 2
Okajima 1 1 0 0 1 0
Papelbon 1 0 0 0 0 1

Texas
Nippert W,2-0 5/5 1 1 1 2 5
D.Mathis J,1-1 3/3 0 0 0 0 4
HBP—by Buchholz (Kinsler). WP—Nippert. T—3:00. A—39,778 (49,170).

Angels 9, Royals 6

Los Angeles		Kansas City	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Figgins 3b	5 0 4 2	DeJessa lf	5 1 2 1
Mizturis 2b	4 1 2 0	Blmst cf	0 0 0 0
B.Areu rf	5 0 0 0	Butler dh	3 1 0 0
K.Morales 1b	5 1 2 0	Teahen lf	5 1 2 2
Napoli c	5 1 1 2	J.Guilln rf	0 0 0 0
Eayar ss	5 0 1 0	Freel ph-rf	4 0 2 1
MthwsJcf	3 1 1 0	Callasp 2b	4 1 2 1
HKndrc dh	4 2 2 1	AGordn 3b	3 1 1 0
Willits lf	4 3 2 0	B.Pena c	2 0 1 1
		Olivc c	1 0 0 0
		YBtncr ss	4 1 1 0
Totals	40 9 15 9	Totals	36 6 11 6
Los Angeles	002 000 250-9	Kansas City	020 031 000-6

LOB—Los Angeles 1, Kansas City 1. 2B—Figgins (18), K.Morales (25), Teahen (22), HR—M.Izturis (3), Napoli (13), H.Kendrick (5). SB—Figgins (28), M.Izturis (8), Matthews (7), J.Willits (4). CS—E.Aybar (3), S—B.Pena. SF—M.Izturis.

Los Angeles
Saunders 5/5 9 6 6 2 2
J.Spieer W,4-2 1/1 1 0 0 0 2
Jepsen H,4 1 1 0 0 0 2
Fuentes S,30-33 1 0 0 0 1 0

Kansas City
Balle H,9 6/5 8 4 4 0 5
Bane H,9 3/3 1 1 1 0 1
R.Coleman L,1-1 BS,2-2 1/2 0 2 2 2 0
J.Wright 0 0 2 2 2 0 0
Soria 1/1 0 0 0 0 0
Mahay 1 2 0 0 1 2

Bale pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. J.Wright pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. Balk—Bannister. T—3:31. A—18,078 (38,177).

Yankees 6, Orioles 4

Baltimore		New York	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
B.Rorts 2b	5 0 0 0	Jeter ss	5 1 1 0
Adjions cf	5 2 4 1	Damon lf	4 0 1 0
Markks rf	4 1 1 2	McCarf lf	0 0 0 0
A.Huff 1b	5 0 0 0	Teixeir 1b	4 1 1 0
Wgntn 3b	4 0 0 0	AdRdz 3b	4 1 2 1
Scott dh	3 0 1 0	H.Matsu dh	4 1 0 0
Zaun c	3 0 2 0	PMada c	3 2 2 2
Pie lf	4 0 0 0	Cano 2b	4 0 2 1
Andino ss	3 1 1 0	Swisher rf	2 0 1 2
		Gardnrf c	3 0 1 0

Totals 36 4 9 3 **Totals** 33 6 11 6
Baltimore 000 000 202-4
New York 401 000 01x-6

E—Swisher (6), DP—Baltimore 1, New York 1. LOB—Baltimore 9, New York 7. 2B—Ad.Jones (18), Jeter (19), Posada (13). HR—Ad.Jones (14), Markakis (11), Posada (12). SB—A.Rodriguez (5), Gardner (19), CS—Gardner (5), SF—Markakis.

IP H R ER BB SO
Baltimore
Berken L,1-8 6 7 5 5 2 1
Meredith 1 1 0 0 0 1
Sherrill 1 3 1 1 1 3

New York
A.Burnett W,9-4 7 6 2 2 2 3 6
Hughes H,7 1 1 0 0 0 1
Bruneu 1/2 2 2 2 0 2
Ma.Rivera S,28-29 1/2 0 0 0 1
HBP—by Meredith (Gardner). WP—A.Burnett. T—2:50. A—47,134 (52,325).

Athletics 16, Twins 1

Minnesota		Oakland	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Span cf	3 0 2 0	Kenndy 3b	6 1 2 0
Mauer c	3 0 0 0	OCarsen 3b	3 2 2 2
Rbmnd c	1 0 0 0	CRby ph-c	2 0 0 0
Mornea dh	2 1 1 1	Hairstn cf-rf	5 2 3 3
Gomez ph-dh	1 0 0 0	Hollidy lf	3 3 3 1
Kubel lf	4 0 0 0	RSwny rf	2 1 1 0
Cuddyr rf	4 0 1 0	Cust dh	3 3 1 1
B.Harris 3b	3 0 0 0	DBartn 1b	4 1 0 0
Busch lf	3 0 1 0	Powell c	2 2 1 1
Pinto ss	3 0 0 0	KSuzuk ph-c	2 0 1 2
ACasil 2b	4 0 1 0	RDavis rf-cf	4 0 2 4
		M.Ellis 2b	5 1 1 1

Totals 31 1 6 1 **Totals** 41 16 18 15
Minnesota 100 000 001-1
Oakland 570 030 10x-16

E—B.Harris (7), Perkins (1), DP—Minnesota 2, Oakland 1. LOB—Minnesota 8, Oakland 9. 3B—R.Davis (2), HR—Morneau (24), Hairston (2), CS—Span (6).

IP H R ER BB SO
Minnesota
Perkins L,5-6 1 6 8 8 3 0
Mulvey 4/5 5 6 4 3 0 0
Dickey 4/5 5 6 4 3 0 0
Duensing 1 1/2 1 0 0 0 1

Oakland
Cahill W,6-8 7 6 1 1 2 4
Springer 1 0 0 0 0 1
E.Gonzalez 1 0 0 0 0 3
Perkins pitched to 3 batters in the 2nd. WP—Mulvey. T—2:52. A—22,031 (35,067).

Blue Jays 10, Indians 6

Cleveland		Toronto	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Sizem cf	4 1 0 0	Scutaro ss	4 2 2 4
ACarer ss	4 0 0 0	A.Hill 2b	4 2 1 1
VMrtnc c	5 0 2 0	Lind dh	5 1 1 1
Rolls dh	5 1 1 1	Roby ph-dh	1 1 1 1
JHPert 3b	5 1 1 1	Overa 1b	2 0 1 1
Garko 1b	3 1 3 0	W.Wells cf	4 1 1 1
BFmcs lf	2 1 1 1	Rios rf	3 2 1 1
Valuen 2b	4 1 1 3	Delucc lf	2 1 0 0
Bautist lf	1 0 0 0	Bautist lf	1 0 0 0
Gimenz rf	3 0 0 0	CRhazv c	2 0 0 0

Totals 35 10 6 **Totals** 31 10 8 10
Cleveland 100 003 200-6
Toronto 010 153 00x-10

DP—Toronto 2. LOB—Cleveland 8, Toronto 5. 2B—A.Cabrera (20), Jh.Peralta (18), Garko (9), Lind (30), Overay (21), HR—Valbuena (5), Scutaro 2 (8), A.Hill (21), W.Wells (10), Rios (11), S—R.Chavez.

Cleveland
Pavano L,8-8 4/5 7 7 7 2 4
Veras 1/2 1 3 3 2 0
C.Perez 1 0 0 0 0 1
Gosling 1 0 0 0 2 0

Toronto
R.Romero W,8-4 5/5 6 4 4 5 2
Carlson H,7 1/2 2 0 0 1 2
League 1/1 0 0 0 0 2
Frasor 1 1 0 0 0 0

HBP—by League (Garko). WP—R.Romero. T—3:01. A—18,375 (49,539).

White Sox 4, Rays 3

Tampa Bay		Chicago	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
BUpton cf	5 0 1 0	ADrnnd cf	4 2 2 1
CRwrd lf	5 0 1 0	AlRmsd c	3 1 2 2
Longori 3b	4 0 0 0	Dye rf	4 0 2 1
C.Pena 1b	4 0 1 0	Thome dh	4 0 0 0
Zobrist 2b	3 1 1 0	Konerk 1b	3 0 0 0
Burrell dh	4 1 2 1	Przyns c	3 0 0 0
Gross rf	2 1 2 0	Quentn lf	3 0 0 0
Kapler ph-rf	1 0 0 0	Getz 2b	3 0 0 0
Navarr c	4 0 1 0	Bckhm 3b	2 1 0 0
Bartlett ss	3 0 0 0		

Totals 35 3 8 3 **Totals** 31 4 7 4
Tampa Bay 000 102 000-3
Chicago 000 001 30x-4

E—Bartlett (8), LOB—Tampa Bay 9, Chicago 6. 3B—Al.Ramirez (1), HR—Burrell (6), Gross (5), Podsednik (4), SB—B.upton (32), Zobrist (12).

IP H R ER BB SO
Tampa Bay
J.Shields 6/5 4 2 2 2 3 4
Choate 0 1 1 0 0 0
Bradford 0 0 0 0 0 0
Whelan L,3-3 BS,4-5 1/2 0 2 1 0 0
J.Nelson 1/1 0 0 0 0 2

Chicago
Torres 6 6 3 3 3 3
Carrasco W,3-0 1 0 0 0 0 0
Thornton S,1-4 2 2 0 0 1 3
Choate pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. Wheeler pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. WP—J.Shields. T—2:46. A—26,257 (40,615).

Mariners 2, Tigers 1

Seattle		Detroit	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
ISuzuki rf	4 1 0 0	Gndrs cf	4 0 1 0
Branny lf	4 1 1 2	Polanc 2b	4 1 2 0
JoLopez 2b	4 0 0 0	MCarr 1b	4 0 1 0
GRflyr dh	4 0 0 0	Thoms dh	4 0 1 1
Balentr lf	3 0 0 0	Thams dh	3 0 1 0
Lghrnf cf	2 0 0 0	JAndrs lf	0 0 0 0
RJhnsn c	4 0 0 0	Raburn 3b	3 0 0 0
Hannhn 3b	1 0 0 0	Inge 3b	1 0 0 0
Cedenso ss	3 0 0 0	Laird c	3 0 0 0
		Santiag ss	3 0 0 0

Totals 29 2 2 2 **Totals** 33 1 6 1
Seattle 000 020-1
Detroit 001 000 000-1

E—L.Suzuki (4), LOB—Seattle 5, Detroit 6. 2B—Mi.Cabrera (19), HR—Branyan (24), SB—Polanco (4), CS—Raburn (2).

IP H R ER BB SO
Seattle
F.Hernandez W,1 1/2 7 6 1 1 1 8
M.Lowe H,15 1 0 0 0 0 1
Aardsma S,23-25 1 0 0 0 0 2

Detroit
Galaraga 7/5 1 1 1 1 4 3
Seay L,2 BS,4-4 1 1 1 1 0 0
Lyon 1/2 0 0 0 0 1 0

WP—F.Hernandez. T—2:26. A—29,758 (41,255).

National League

	East Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	53	39	.576	—
Atlanta	49	47	.510	6
Florida	49	47	.510	6
New York	44	50	.468	10
Washington	28	66	.298	26

Central Division
St. Louis 51 46 .526 —
Chicago 48 45 .516 1
Houston 49 46 .516 1
Milwaukee 48 47 .505 2
Cincinnati 44 50 .468 5 1/2
Pittsburgh 42 52 .447 7 1/2

West Division
Los Angeles 61 34 .642 —
Colorado 52 43 .547 9
San Francisco 51 44 .537 10
Arizona 40 55 .421 21
San Diego 37 58 .389 24

Tuesday's games
Philadelphia 4, Chicago Cubs 1, 13 innings
Milwaukee 2, Pittsburgh 0
Washington 4, N.Y. Mets 0
Atlanta 8, San Francisco 1
Houston 11, St. Louis 6
Arizona 6, Colorado 5
Florida 3, San Diego 2
Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 3
Pittsburgh 4, Milwaukee 7
Chicago Cubs 10, Philadelphia 5
Colorado 4, Arizona 3
Florida 5, San Diego 0
Washington 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Atlanta 4, San Francisco 2
Houston 4, St. Louis 3
L.A. Dodgers 6, Cincinnati 2

Thursday's games
San Francisco 5, Atlanta 1
San Diego at Philadelphia
St. Louis at Washington
Pittsburgh at Arizona

Friday's games
Cincinnati (Harang 5-10) at Chicago
Cubs (R.Wells 5-4) at Washington
San Diego (Latos 0-1) at Washington
(Mock 0-3)
St. Louis (Pineiro 8-9) at Philadelphia
(Happ 7-0)
Atlanta (J.Vazquez 7-7) at Milwaukee
(M.Para 4-8)
N.Y. Mets (J.Santana 11-7) at Houston
(Hampton 5-7)
San Francisco (Cain 11-2) at Colorado
(Hammel 5-4)
Pittsburgh (Duke 8-9) at Arizona
(Y.Petit 0-4)

Florida (Jo.Johnson 8-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 8-5)

Saturday's games
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs
St. Louis at Philadelphia
Atlanta at Milwaukee
San Diego at Washington
N.Y. Mets at Houston
Pittsburgh at Arizona
San Francisco at Colorado
Florida at L.A. Dodgers

Wednesday
Nationals 3, Mets 1

New York		Washington	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Pagan cf	3 1 1 0	Morgan cf	4 0 1 0
L.Castill 2b	1 0 0 0	CGzmn ss	4 0 0 0
Tatis 2b	3 0 1 0	Zmrmn 3b	4 0 1 0
DMnp 1b	3 0 0 0	Dunm 1b	3 0 0 0
DWRght 3b	4 0 1 0	Keams rf	0 0 0 0
Francr rf	4 0 0 0	NJhnsn lf	3 1 1 0
Sullivan lf	4 0 0 0	Wlngh rf	4 1 4 2
Berroass 3b	3 0 0 0	MACagl p	3 0 0 0
Schndr c	3 0 0 0	Beillrd 2b	3 0 0 1
Pelfrey p	2 0 0 0	L.Bdc c	3 0 0 0
Reed ph	1 0 1 0	Stmmn p	3 0 0 0
Parnell p	0 0 0 0	Brgm p	0 0 0 0
Felcipn p	0 0 0 0	Beimel p	0 0 0 0
SGreen p	0 0 0 0	WHarrs lf	0 0 0 0

Totals 31 1 4 0 **Totals** 31 3 8 3
New York 000 001 00x-3
Washington 000 102 00x-3

E—L.Castillo (7), C.Guzman (13), LOB—New York 5, Washington 7. 2B—Tatis (10), Reed (5), Dunn (18), Willingham 2 (18), 3B—Pagan (3), HR—Willingham (13), CS

Perfect? Not quite

But Washburn plenty tough in taming Tigers

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Jarrod Washburn didn't mind losing the spotlight.

Moments after Washburn helped the Seattle Mariners finish off a 2-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers, he and his teammates gathered around clubhouse televisions to cheer the end of Mark Buerhle's perfect game against Tampa Bay.

"It would have been pretty hard for me to top that," Washburn said. "I've always liked him, though. He's another crafty lefty and he wears my No. 56."

Washburn did more than enough for the Mariners, allowing two hits over seven scoreless innings.

"That was as good as I've seen him," Seattle manager Don Wakamatsu said. "He had the fastball working, but he was throwing 65-mph curveballs to Miguel Cabrera. When you can get guys out that many different ways, you can pitch well for a long time."

Washburn (8-6) allowed two



DUANE BURLESON/AP

Seattle's Jarrod Washburn went seven innings to beat Detroit on Thursday, then ducked into the clubhouse to watch another No. 56, Chicago's Mark Buerhle, toss a perfect game against Tampa Bay.

hits and two walks to improve to 5-1 with a 1.81 ERA over his past seven starts.

"I felt great. I had every pitch I needed," he said. "I was getting flyballs with my four-seam fastball, and groundballs with the sinker, plus I had the curve and the slider. I think I only had to throw one change all day."

Three relievers finished, with David Aardsma pitching a perfect ninth for his 24th save in 26 tries. Aardsma retired Miguel Cabrera, Marcus Thames and Magglio Ordonez, with the only scare coming on a long foul down the left-field line by Thames.

"That's a pretty tough group at the heart of a great lineup," Aardsma said. "The way Thames swung and the way he just stood there, I thought the ball was

going to be way foul until I turned around and watched it land."

After scoring just five runs while being swept by the New York Yankees, Detroit only managed three runs in the final 24 innings against Seattle.

"If you score one run a game, you aren't going to win," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "I don't care how good your pitching is. You can have three Koufaxes and three Drysdales, you're still not going to win."

Added Leyland: "Let me make it real simple for you. Score one run a game, you lose. 99.9 percent of the time probably."

Rookie starter Luke French (1-1) allowed two runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings and struck out six without walking a batter.

Tribe dispatches Jays as lefty Huff ends a brief slide

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Rookie David Huff won for the first time in three starts and Shin-Soo Choo tripled home two runs as the Cleveland Indians beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-4 on Thursday afternoon.

The left-handed Huff (5-4) allowed four runs and eight hits in 7 2/3 innings. He walked one and struck out four.

Huff left after Kevin Millar cut Cleveland's lead to one with a two-out homer in the eighth. Righty Joe Smith came on and got Vernon Wells to ground out.

Kerry Wood pitched the ninth for his 13th save in 17 chances as the Indians won a series for the first time since taking two of three from Oakland July 3-5.

Wood began the inning by hitting Alex Rios in the helmet with a curveball. Rios stayed in the game and stole second and third but was left stranded when pinch-hitter Lyle Overbay struck out looking to end the game.

Toronto allowed three unearned runs and failed to get back to .500 for the first time since July 10. The Blue Jays have lost six of their past seven series.

Ben Francisco drove in Cleveland's first run with a bases-loaded walk in the fourth.

Toronto tied it 1-all in the bottom half of the inning on back-to-back doubles from Adam Lind and Millar.

The Indians chased Toronto rookie left-hander Marc Rzepczynski with a three-run fifth. Chris Gimenez singled and, one out later, went to third when third baseman Jose Bautista couldn't come up with Asdrubal Cabrera's grounder, putting Cabrera at second. Choo tripled home both runners and Victor Martinez capped it with an RBI grounder off reliever Shawn Camp.

Toronto answered in the bottom half, making it 4-3 on a two-run homer by Aaron Hill, his 22nd of the season and second in as many games.

Cleveland made it 5-3 with another unearned run in the sixth. With men at first and second, Camp sailed a pickoff throw into center field, advancing both runners before Gimenez followed with an RBI grounder.

Rzepczynski (1-2) worked 4 1/3 innings, the shortest of his four major league starts. He allowed four runs, only two of which were earned, and three hits. He walked four and struck out six.

Five of Toronto's eight hits were doubles, increasing its major league-leading total to 217.

AL roundup

Ailing Rangers squeeze out sweep of Red Sox

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Clay Buchholz pounced on the bunt near the first-base line, yet all the Boston pitcher could do was watch one Texas runner slide across home plate while another ran safely to first.

The flu-ridden Rangers used that squeeze bunt by rookie Elvis Andrus, a home run by Ian Kinsler and a solid spot start by Dustin Nippert to beat Boston 3-1 on Wednesday night and complete a three-game sweep of the slumping Red Sox.

"If that was directly to the pitcher, he might have had a shot," said David Murphy, who was running from third when Buchholz released the pitch. "It was just great placement by Elvis, and I scored easily."

Boston has lost a season-worst five in a row and dropped two games back in the AL East to the New York Yankees, who have won six straight. The Red Sox had led the division since June 9 until the losing streak in which they have scored only nine runs.

"Unfortunately, from where we stand, it was the same story of the last few days," manager Terry Francona said. "We're just collectively not putting any runs on the board."

The Red Sox are hitting a ma-



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Red Sox pitcher Clay Buchholz, right, fields a bunt by the Rangers' Elvis Andrus, front, as David Murphy scores in the fourth inning.

jors-worst .192 in six games since the All-Star break.

Nick Green snapped a 1-for-17 slide with a solo homer in the third, but that's all they got.

"That's a pretty tough group at the heart of a great lineup," Francona quipped.

Kinsler led off the bottom of the third with his 23rd homer. An inning later, Taylor Teagarden drove in the tiebreaking run with

an infield chopper right before the squeeze play.

Nippert (2-0) threw 94 pitches in 5 2/3 innings in a spot start for flu-ridden Vicente Padilla with five strikeouts and two walks.

"Nippert gave us way more than we expected," manager Ron Washington said.

After Nippert struck out J.D. Drew for the second out of the

sixth, Doug Mathis took over and went the rest of the way for his first career save.

Buchholz allowed three runs and six hits in four innings in place of All-Star knuckleballer Tim Lincecum, who was put on the disabled list Tuesday with a lower back problem.

The Red Sox made two trades Wednesday, getting first baseman Adam LaRoche from Pittsburgh for two minor leaguers and outfielder Chris Duncan from St. Louis for shortstop Julio Lugo.

LaRoche will join Boston at home Friday after the team's much-needed day off. Duncan went to Triple-A Pawtucket.

Angels 9, Royals 6: At Kansas City, Mo., Maicer Izturis had four RBIs and Los Angeles scored five runs in the eighth inning to complete a three-game sweep.

The AL West-leading Angels (55-38) had 15 hits — 40 in the three-game series — to move a season-high 17 games over .500.

White Sox 4, Rays 3: At Chicago, Alexei Ramirez hit a two-run triple, Jermaine Dye added a go-ahead RBI single and the White Sox pulled within one game of Detroit in the AL Central.

The Rays went through five pitchers in the seventh after Chad Bradford was injured warming up on the mound.

White Sox reliever D.J. Carras-

co (3-0) pitched a perfect seventh and Matt Thornton pitched two scoreless innings for his first save of the season.

Athletics 16, Twins 1: Rajai Davis drove in four runs, Scott Hairston hit a three-run homer and host Oakland had its highest scoring game in nearly two years.

The outburst helped Trevor Cahill (6-8) win for the first time in exactly one month. He allowed a solo homer to Justin Morneau in the first and nothing else in the rest of his seven-inning outing.

Mariners 2, Tigers 1: At Detroit, Russell Branyan hit a two-out, two-run homer in the eighth inning to give Felix Hernandez a victory. Branyan drove a 1-0 pitch from Bobby Seay (1-2) for his 24th homer and the last of Seattle's two hits in the game.

Hernandez (11-3) struck out eight in seven innings, allowing one run and six hits.

Blue Jays 10, Indians 6: At Toronto, Marco Scutaro hit two of the Blue Jays' season-best five home runs and matched his career-high with four RBIs.

Scutaro had a solo homer in the fifth and a three-run shot in the sixth.

Carl Pavano (8-8) allowed seven runs as the Indians lost for the ninth time in 13 games.



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Houston's Miguel Tejada gets a lift from teammate Ivan Rodriguez after his ninth-inning single beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-3.

Tejada hit tops Cards for sweep

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Miguel Tejada just wanted another chance after failing in a run-scoring situation in the seventh inning Wednesday night.

Two innings later, Tejada singled in the winning run with two outs, helping the Astros beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-3 to complete a three-game sweep of their NL Central rival.

"In the seventh I was out with the bases loaded so I just put it in my mind that it doesn't matter what you do at one at-bat, more at-bats are coming," Tejada said.

"When I (came) up in the ninth in that situation I just said: 'I've got to help my team here and try to be the guy.'"

With the Astros trailing 3-2 entering the ninth, Ivan Rodriguez led off with a single off Cardinals closer Ryan Franklin and scored when Chris Coste, subbing for the injured Lance Berkman, doubled on a long fly to center just out of the reach of Colby Rasmus.

Tejada was mobbed by teammates after his hit, which pulled Houston within a game of the Central-leading Cardinals after trailing by six games a month ago and by nine on May 31.

"This is the closest we've been to the top since I've been here," Astros manager Cecil Cooper said. "It feels good."

Astros starter Roy Oswalt, who allowed three runs and seven hits in seven innings, isn't surprised by the Astros turnaround. After all, he's seen it before.

"We've been doing this since I got here," he said. "The first half is played to keep close, the second half is to gain ground and maybe catch up and go ahead by the end."

It's a grand Manny moment

By BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Manny Ramirez unleashed his pent-up power in one electrifying swing that landed, fittingly, in Mannywood.

Ramirez's tie-breaking pinch-hit grand slam in the sixth inning on his bobblehead night Wednesday sent the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 6-2 victory over Cincinnati, their 12th in a row at home against the Reds.

"It's crazy," he said. Ramirez was kept out of the starting lineup with a sore left hand after being hit by a pitch Tuesday night.

"Just the way he was sort of stalking around the dugout, I could feel something would happen if he had the opportunity," Dodgers manager Joe Torre said.

Did it ever. It was Ramirez's grandest moment since returning July 3 from a 50-game suspension for violating baseball's drug rules. He's batting .347 with four homers and 17 RBIs in 16 games since coming back.

"I guess Manny's hand wasn't as bad as we thought," Reds manager Dusty Baker said. "It doesn't get more dramatic than that — a grand slam on your own bobblehead night. That's the stuff that I'd seen out of Barry Bonds and Hank Aaron."

Ramirez said his hand felt good, but that he planned to ice it after the game.

Fans chanted "Manny! Manny!" as they saw him in the dugout putting on his batting helmet. The anticipation built as the Reds changed pitchers.



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Manny Ramirez, sent up as a pinch-hitter, hits a grand slam in the sixth inning Wednesday night to beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-2.

Without a single practice swing, Ramirez sent the first pitch from reliever Nick Masset into the Mannywood section of the lower left field seats for his 21st career grand slam, giving Los Angeles a 6-2 lead and whipping the crowd into a frenzy.

"It reminded me how loud it got when we hit those four (consecutive) homers against San Diego," catcher Russell Martin said, referring to a dramatic Dodgers

victory in 10 innings against San Diego in 2006.

It moved Ramirez into second on the career grand slam list, trailing only Lou Gehrig's 23. It was his first grand slam since 2005.

"It was one of the best moments in my career," he said. "I'm just glad it happened in L.A."

Ramirez had never heard of Masset, much less seen him pitch.

"That's pretty much the area I wanted to put the ball. It just didn't sink the way it normally does," Masset said. "I was just trying to jam him, get a ground ball and get out of the inning. I was basically trying to go to him with my best stuff and it didn't work out."

Teammates shoved Ramirez onto the top step of the dugout, where he waved his cap to acknowledge a standing ovation for his 11th homer of the season and his first career pinch-hit homer.

"He's the magic man," Martin said.

It was Ramirez's first homer into the "Mannywood" section, which was resurrected after his suspension ended.

Ramirez's exhilarating moment was the only souvenir for 6,000 fans who went home without a bobblehead, which were limited to the first 50,000.

"I was just trying to get a good pitch to hit," said Ramirez, who arrived at his locker and peeled off his Dodgers shirt and white pants to reveal street clothes.

"Now can I go home?" he said, drawing laughter.

The Dodgers set the stage for Ramirez's heroics with one out in the sixth. Bronson Arroyo (10-9) walked James Loney and Matt Kemp, and Martin singled hard to left to load the bases. Arroyo gave way to Masset, who warmed up as the crowd got worked up in anticipation of Ramirez's at-bat.

"I'm running around the bases amazed, just laughing. I was in awe," Kemp said. "He's amazing, man. I can't really explain him. I've never seen somebody who can go up there, no warmups or nothing, and just go hit."

NL roundup

Zito leads the way as Giants throttle Braves

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Barry Zito gave up only three hits in seven innings as the San Francisco Giants beat the Atlanta Braves 5-1 on Thursday to avoid a four-game sweep.

The Giants won for only the second time in seven games on a 10-game road trip while the Braves, who had a four-game winning streak end, finished a 6-2 homestand. They were denied their first four-game sweep of the Giants in Atlanta.

Zito (6-10) walked five batters but gave up only one run, that on Yunel Escobar's second-inning homer.

San Francisco scored four unearned runs in the eighth to break up a 1-1 tie. Reliever Peter Moylan and right fielder Ryan Church committed throwing errors in the inning, which began with left-hander Mike Gonzalez leaving the game because of an injury. Gonzalez (3-3), who had ligament-replacement surgery on his left elbow in May 2007, suffered a left forearm contusion

when struck by Nate Schierholtz's line drive to open the inning.

The ball bounced off Gonzalez's arm toward first base for a single, and he winced in pain when examined by trainer Jeff Porter. The Braves said X-rays were negative.

Moylan replaced Gonzalez and gave up Travis Ishikawa's bunt single. Juan Uribe followed with a sacrifice bunt, and Moylan threw late to first as Schierholtz scored for a 2-1 lead. Moylan struck out Matt Downs and pinch-hitter John Bowker before giving up RBI singles to Randy Winn and Fred Lewis.

In Wednesday games:

Braves 4, Giants 2: Jair Jurrjens gave up three hits in 7 2/3 innings and Yunel Escobar hit a three-run homer as surging Atlanta handed Cy Young winner Tim Lincecum (10-3) his first loss in five weeks.

Lincecum is 5-3 following Giants losses this season. He was 13-3 after his team's losses last season. He lost for the first time since June 17 and for the first

time in six career starts against the Braves.

Jurrjens (9-7) earned his third straight victory, striking out a season-high nine and allowing one run.

Jurrjens lowered his ERA to 2.67, not far behind Lincecum's 2.45 among the NL leaders. The Braves scored only five runs for Jurrjens during his four-game losing streak in June.

Escobar has three homers and 12 RBIs in seven games since the All-Star break.

Jurrjens gave up a second-inning single to Bengie Molina and didn't allow another hit until Molina's two-out single in the seventh. Jurrjens left with two outs in the eighth after giving up Juan Uribe's double and a walk to pinch-hitter Andres Torres.

Marlins 5, Padres 0: Ricky Nolasco struck out 10 and combined with three relievers on a three-hitter as visiting Florida completed a three-game sweep.

Chris Coghlan hit a two-run homer off Heath Bell in the ninth and Jeremy Hermida connected leading off the second

against Josh Geer. It was the major league-leading 24th home run allowed by Geer (1-6), who has allowed at least one in eight straight starts.

The Padres are 12-33 since June 1, the worst record in the majors over that stretch.

Nolasco (7-7) allowed two hits in 6 1/3 innings and walked three.

Rockies 4, Diamondbacks 3: Todd Helton hit a go-ahead homer off Scott Schoeneweis (1-2) in the eighth inning and drove in a run with his 500th career double. Carlos Gonzalez had two doubles and scored twice as the host Rockies took two of three from the Diamondbacks.

Juan Rincon (2-1) pitched a perfect eighth and Huston Street closed it out for his 24th save.

Nationals 3, Mets 1: Craig Stammen (3-5) allowed one run and four hits in 7 1/3 innings and Josh Willingham hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the host Nationals' second straight victory. Washington had lost its first five games under interim manager Jim Riggleman before beating the Mets 4-0 on Tuesday night.

SPORTS



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casino hostess, Page 25**

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

The Mark of perfection

White Sox's Buehrle throws perfect game vs. Rays



JIM PRISCHING/AP

It's hugs all around for Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle, left, first baseman Josh Fields (obscured) and catcher Ramon Castro after Buehrle threw a perfect game in a 5-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday afternoon in Chicago. It was Buehrle's second career no-hitter.

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mark Buehrle pitched the 18th perfect game in major league history, and Chicago White Sox center fielder DeWayne Wise got the assist.

Just into the game as a defensive replacement, Wise robbed Gabe Kapler of a leadoff home run in the ninth inning and Buehrle coolly closed out a 5-0 victory Thursday over the Tampa Bay Rays.

Wise took over in center field from Scott Podsednik, who shifted to left. With the count 2-2, Kapler hit a drive to deep left-center. Wise sprinted, jumped and got his glove about a foot above the 8-foot fence to rob Kapler of a home run.

The ball almost came out when Wise caromed off the fence, stumbled, fell to the ground and rolled. But he steadied it with his chest and bare left hand and bounced up, proudly displaying the ball for the crowd.

"I was hoping it was staying in there, give him enough room to catch it. I know the guys were doing everything they could to save the no-hitter, the perfect game, whatever it might be," Buehrle, 30, said.

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THE MAJORS' PERFECT GAMES

Mark Buehrle, Chicago (AL) vs. Tampa Bay, 5-0, July 23, 2009.
Randy Johnson, Arizona at Atlanta (NL), 2-0, May 18, 2004.
David Cone, New York (AL) vs. Montreal, 6-0, July 18, 1999.
David Wells, New York (AL) vs. Minnesota, 4-0, May 17, 1998.
Kenny Rogers, Texas vs. California (AL), 4-0, July 28, 1994.
Dennis Martinez, Montreal at Los Angeles (NL), 2-0, July 28, 1991.
Tom Browning, Cincinnati vs. Los Angeles (NL), 1-0, Sept. 16, 1988.
Mike Witt, California at Texas (AL), 1-0, Sept. 30, 1984.
Len Barker, Cleveland vs. Toronto (AL), 3-0, May 15, 1981.
Catfish Hunter, Oakland vs. Minnesota (AL), 4-0, May 8, 1968.
Sandy Koufax, Los Angeles vs. Chicago (NL), 1-0, Sept. 9, 1965.
Jim Bunning, Philadelphia at New York (NL), 6-0, June 21, 1964.
x-Don Larsen, New York (AL) vs. Brooklyn (NL), 2-0, Oct. 8, 1956.
Charles Robertson, Chicago at Detroit (AL), 2-0, April 30, 1922.
Addie Joss, Cleveland vs. Chicago (AL), 1-0, Oct. 2, 1908.
Cy Young, Boston vs. Philadelphia (AL), 3-0, May 5, 1904.
x-World Series

Special Mention Prior to modern era

John Richmond, Worcester vs. Cleveland (NL), 1-0, June 12, 1880.
John Ward, Providence vs. Buffalo (NL), 5-0, June 17, 1880.

Unofficial perfect games

y-Ernie Shore, Boston vs. Washington (AL), 4-0, June 23, 1917.
z-Harvey Haddix, Pittsburgh vs. Milwaukee (NL), 0-1, 13 innings, May 26, 1959.

a-Pedro Martinez, Montreal at San Diego, June 3, 1995, 1-0, 10 innings.

y-Entered game after starter Babe Ruth walked Ray Morgan, and following an argument, was ejected by umpire Brick Owens. Morgan was caught stealing and Shore retired the remaining 26 batters.

z-Pitched 12 perfect innings, lost in 13th on an error, sacrifice bunt, walk and double.

a-Pitched 9 perfect innings, allowed leadoff double in 10th and was replaced by Mel Rojas, who finished one-hitter in 1-0 win.

—The Associated Press

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